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**THROW-DOWN!**



Welcome to Sonic's comic book adventures – a world beyond what you know from the SEGA games! Where Sonic's evil robot double – Metal Sonic – returns to menace the world. But this time – something's different!

# SONIC UNIVERSE

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## PREVIOUSLY...

Sonic the Hedgehog and freedom-fighting strike force, Team Fighters, are closing in on the evil Dr. Eggman! After a whirlwind chase around the globe, Sonic has been put to the test, and our true blue hero stands ready to once again defeat the evil doctor and his world-conquering schemes.

But look out, Sonic! Dr. Eggman isn't finished yet!

Eggman's greatest creation, the sinister METAL SONIC, has returned to once again plague our heroes! Metal Sonic has delivered devastating blow after devastating blow to Sonic and the Freedom Fighters, going so far as to critically wound the Freedom Fighter Antoine D'Coolette! Several new teams of heroes have since risen to stand against Eggman and his Metal madness, including a clandestine group calling themselves the Secret Freedom Fighters.

After a humiliating loss to the Secret Freedom Fighter named Shard (a former Mecha Sonic himself), Dr. Eggman may have finally unlocked the key to making his Metal Sonic creation **not just a devastating tool for destruction – but an UNSTOPPABLE force of evil....**



## WHO'S WHO



**METAL SONIC**  
SONIC'S EVIL ROBOT  
DOUBLE



**DR. EGGMAN**  
EVIL GENIUS



**SHARD**  
REFORMED MECHA SONIC  
& SECRET FREEDOM  
FIGHTER



**NICOLE**  
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

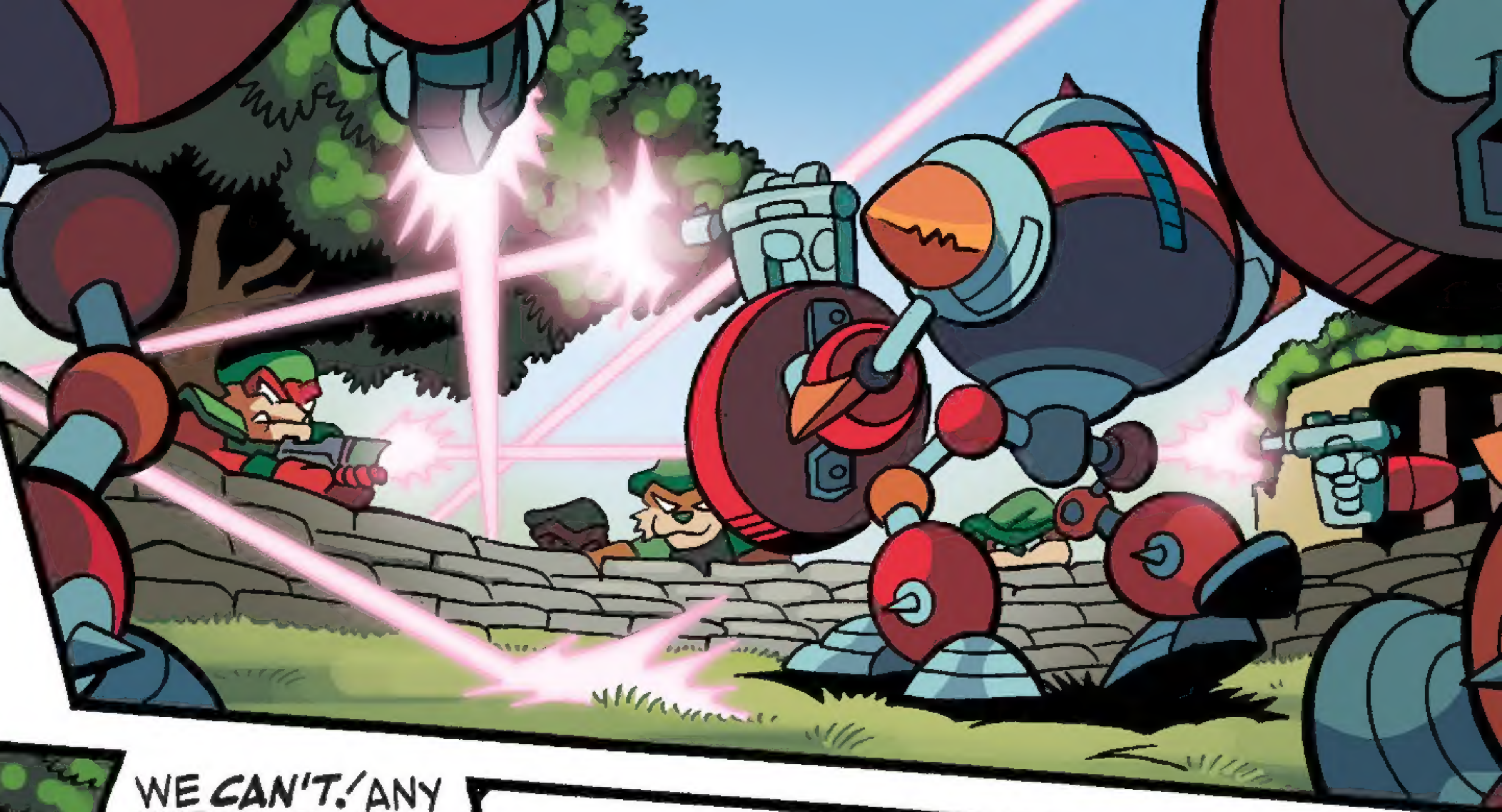
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NEW MOBOTROPOLIS--  
DAYS AGO.\*

\*STH#240

EVERYONE  
BACK! KEEP  
HEADING TO THE  
CENTER OF THE  
CITY!



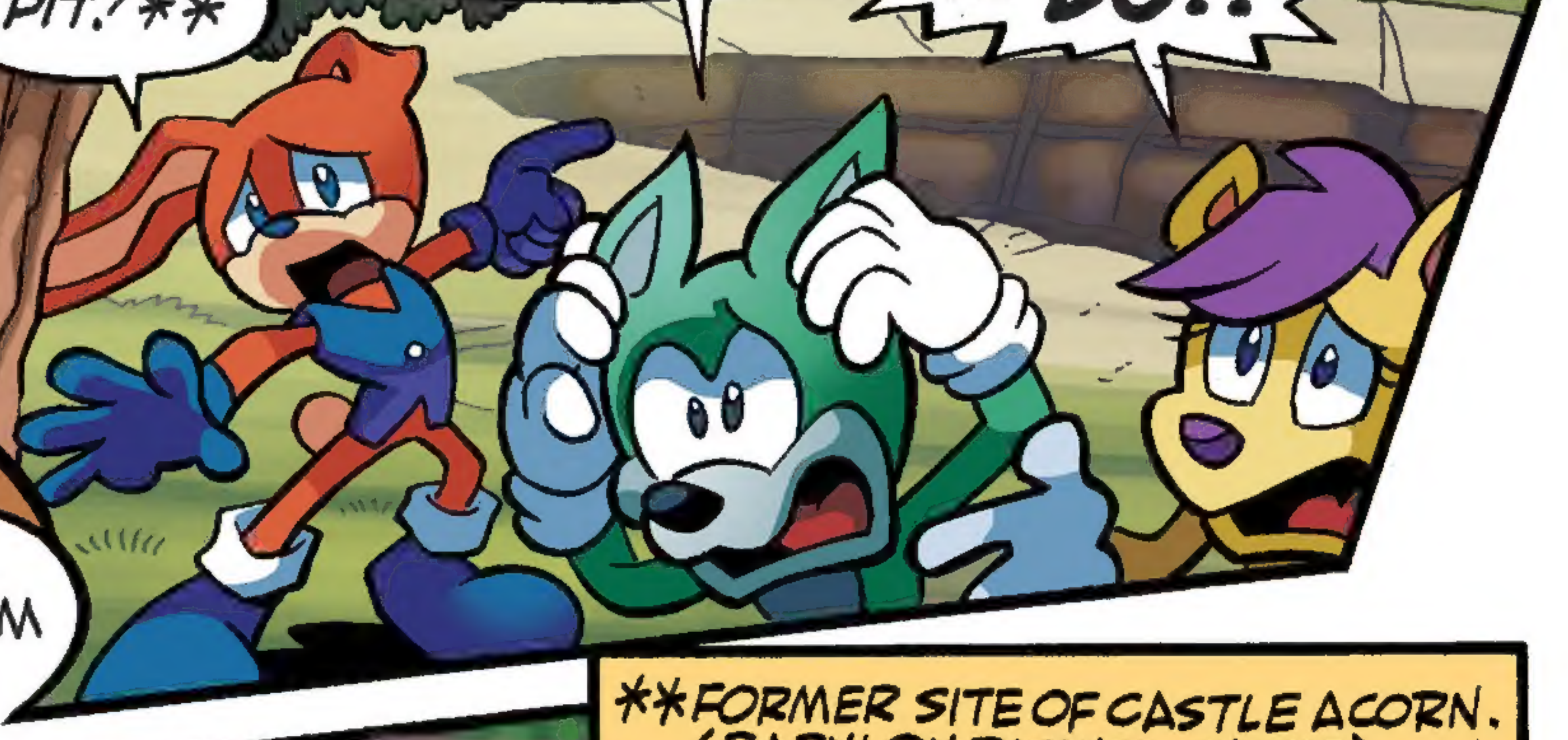
WE CAN'T! ANY  
FURTHER AND  
WE'LL FALL  
DOWN THE  
PIT! \*\*

THERE'S BADNIKS  
EVERYWHERE!

WHAT DO  
WE DO?!



I... I DON'T...  
WE'LL HOLD THEM  
AS LONG AS WE  
CAN!



\*\*FORMER SITE OF CASTLE ACORN.  
(BABYLON RISING-SU#35)



FIRE AT  
WILL!  
DON'T LET  
EGGMAN'S  
FORCES  
GET ANY  
CLOSER!



UH...  
NICE  
SHOT?







PREPARE TO ENGAGE METAL SONIC. JUST LIKE OLD TIMES.

METAL SONIC KILLER ROBOT

PING!

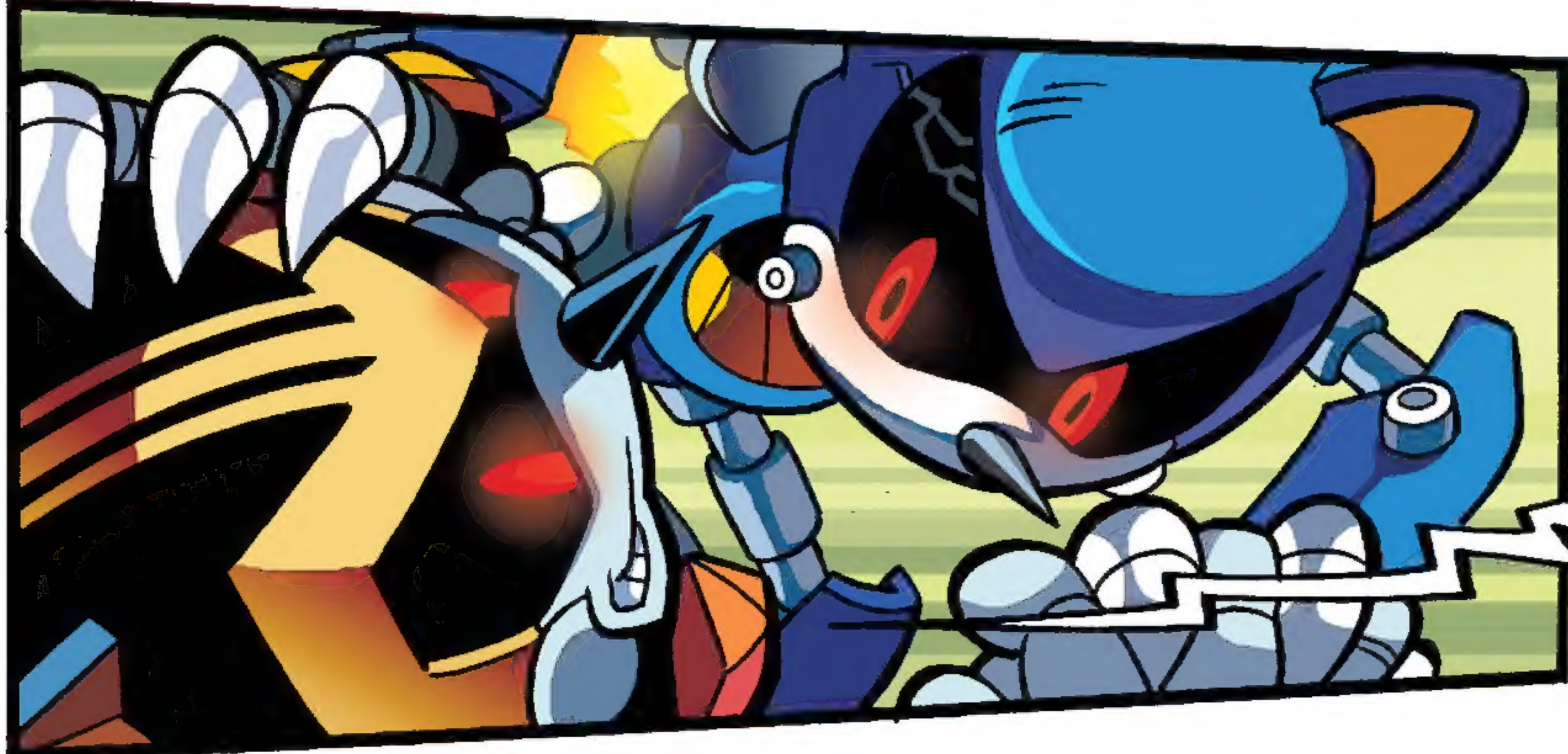
BRNK SHOOM

MY CITY. NO TOUCHIE!

SHARD SECRET FREEDOM FIGHTER

# FORGED IN FIRE

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IDENTIFIED: ORIGINAL MECHA SONIC MODEL. POWER GEM CORE INTACT. COMPLETE LOSS IN LOYALTY TO EGGMAN EMPIRE.

HEY THERE, JUNIOR. LEMME SHOW YOU WHAT A REAL ROBOT CAN DO.!



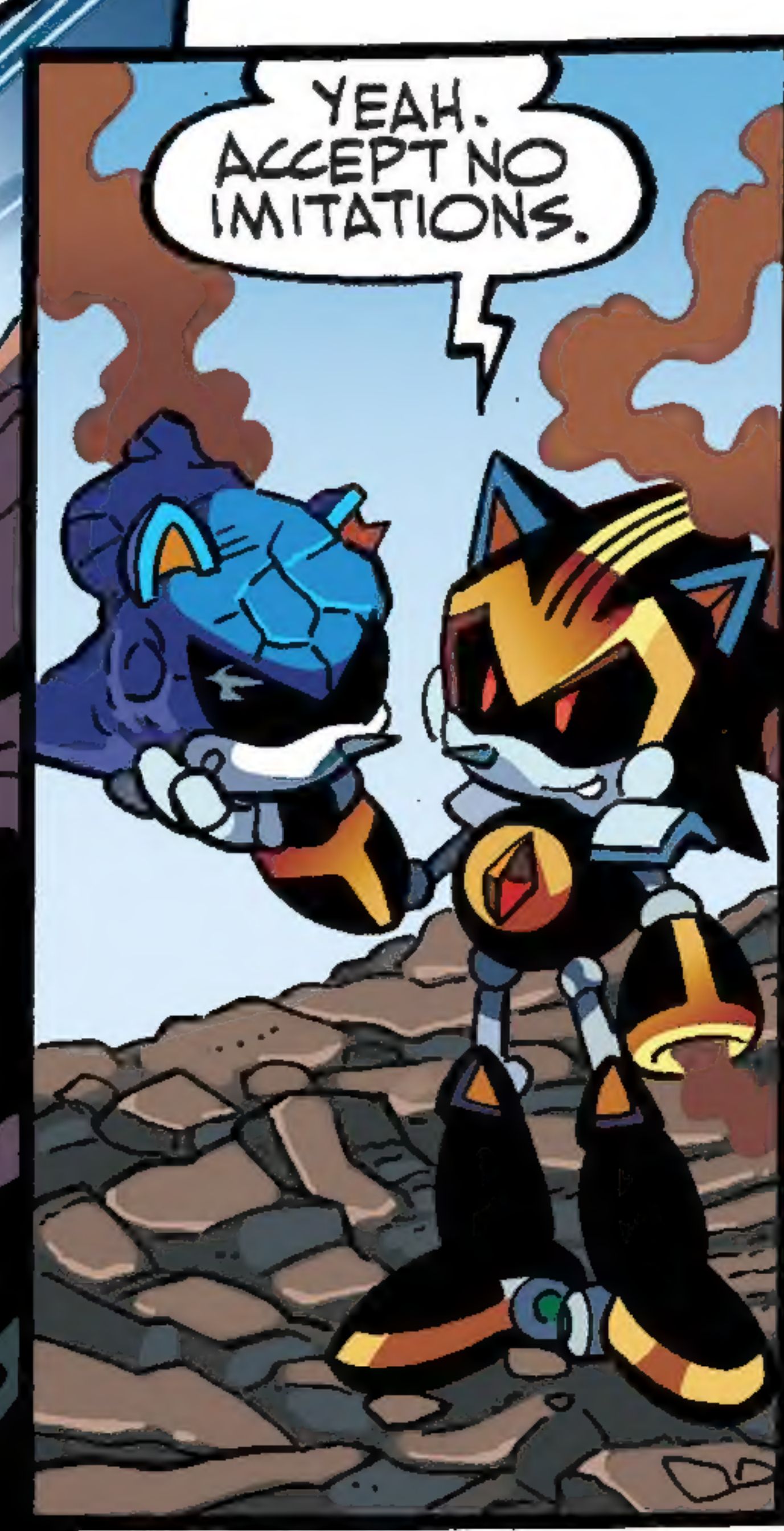
THE DOC JUST  
KEEPS SENDING  
YOU OUT, DOESN'T  
HE? YOU'RE THE--  
WHAT? --SIXTH OR  
SEVENTH  
REPLACEMENT?

YOU'RE AN  
EMBARRASSMENT.  
OH, AND NEXT TIME  
YOU GET A LASER  
INSTALLED.?

PUT IT ON  
AN APPENDAGE  
THAT CAN AIM!

YEAH.  
ACCEPT NO  
IMITATIONS.

STOP.  
REWIND FIVE  
SECONDS.  
PLAY.





EGGMAN'S LAB.  
TODAY.

BIP  
BIP  
BIP

ACCEPT NO IMITATIONS.  
ACCEPT NO IMITATIONS.  
ACCEPT NO IMITATIONS.

THAT TEARS IT! I'D KEPT MOST OF THE FREE-THINKING OUT OF METAL SONIC'S CODE **PRECISELY** TO KEEP HIM FROM TURNING INTO **THAT!** INSTEAD, THE FREE WILL ALGORITHM IS THE EDGE IT NEEDS, AND I'M STUCK REPAIRING METAL SONIC --**AGAIN!**

ARGH!

BUT ISN'T THAT PRECISELY WHY YOU'VE BEEN UTILIZING SALLY? CLEVER THINKING BENT TO YOUR WILL?

DON'T SASS ME!

HEY-A, EGGMAN!  
THE DOWNLOAD INTO THE POWER GEM? SHE'S-A FINISHED!

DING

Ahhhh... SO MUCH BATTLE DATA FOR METAL SONIC TO USE! ALL CONTAINED WITHIN THE RAREST, AND MOST POWERFUL ELEMENT!

ASIDE FROM THE CHAOS EMERALDS.

YES, ASIDE FROM THEM.

AND THAT IS YOUR LAST POWER GEM, BOSS.\*

I KNOW THAT!

AND IT'LL BE WORTH IT!

\* THEY WERE STOLEN! SEE SONIC SELECT VOL. 2 GRAPHIC NOVEL!





METAL SONIC  
VERSION 3.7  
ONLINE.  
APPLYING HISTORICAL  
DATA. WEAPONS  
SYSTEMS ONLINE.

AND WITH A  
WONDER-  
FULLY MENACING  
SPECIAL NEW  
VOICE CODEC  
INSTALLED!  
THAT  
"SILENT  
KILLER"  
SHTICK  
WAS  
GETTING  
OLD!

REGISTERING  
MULTIPLE  
DEFEATS.  
**NOT**  
ACCEPTIBLE.

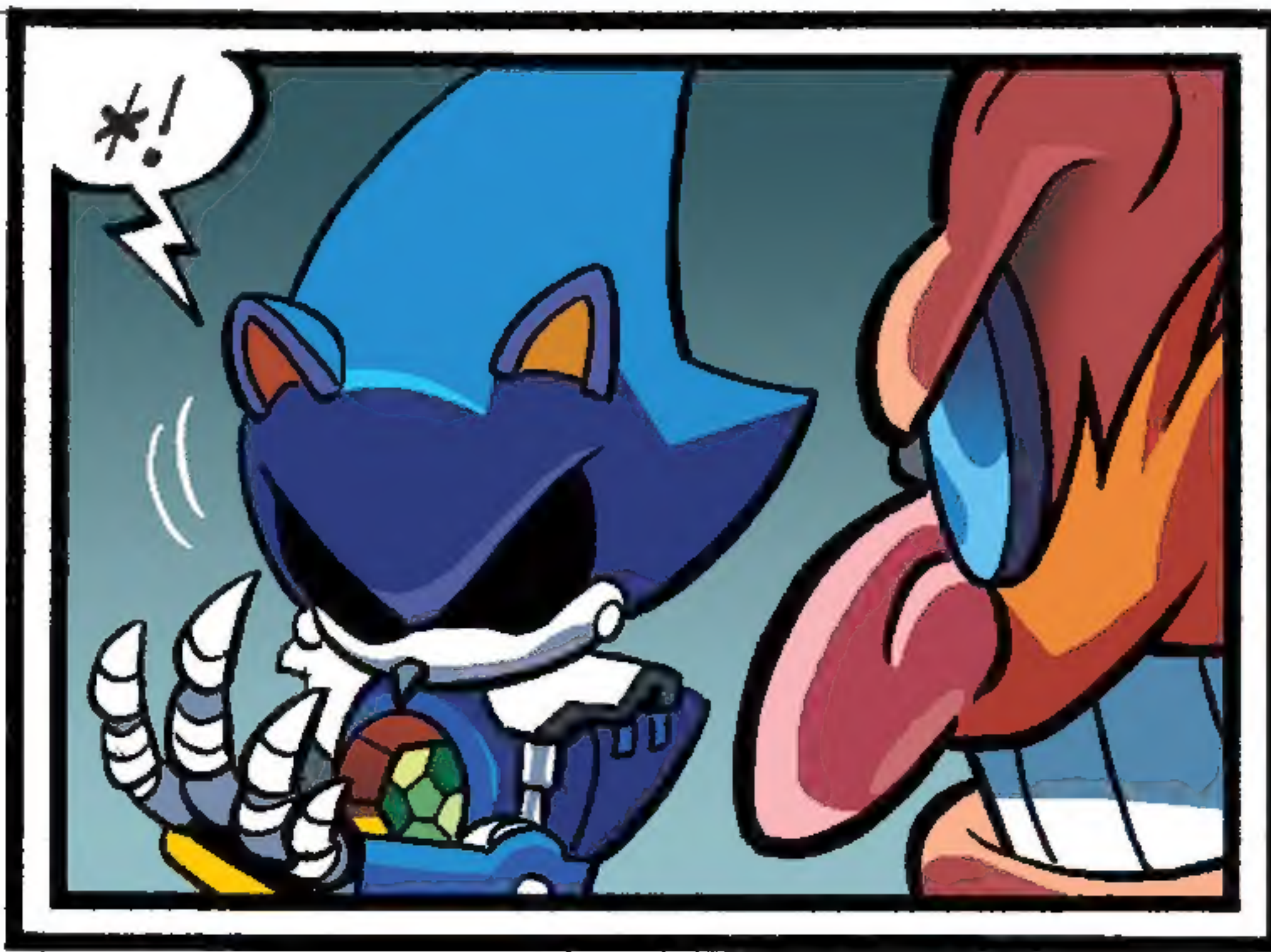
ALL PART OF  
THE SCIENTIFIC  
PROCESS.  
NOW YOU HAVE  
EXPERIENCE,  
AND WITH THAT  
NEW CORE, YOU  
HAVE THE POWER  
AND THE FREE  
WILL TO USE IT  
TO ITS FULL  
POTENTIAL!



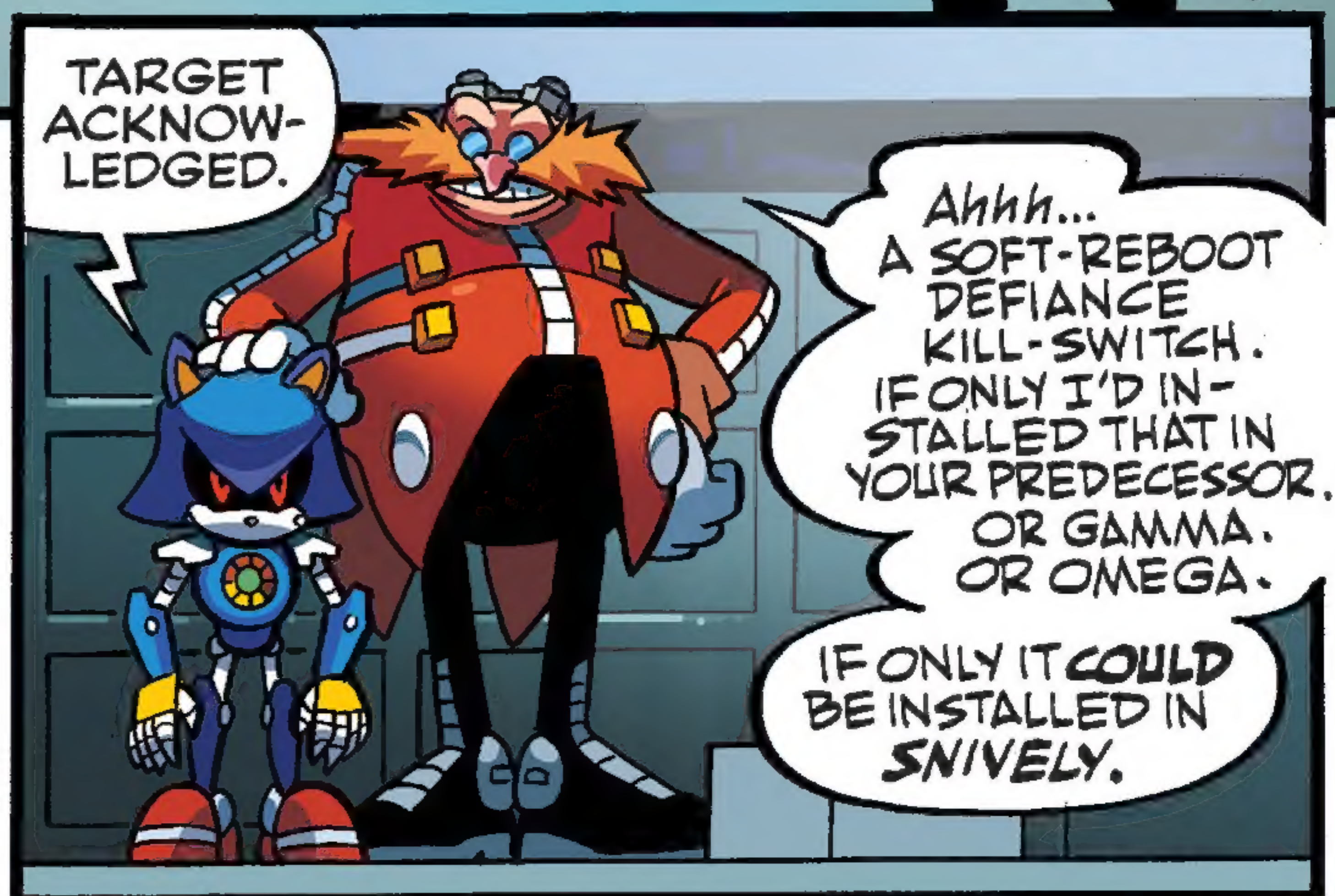
**DESTROY  
SONIC!**

NO, I HAVE  
ANOTHER ERRAND  
FOR YOU FIRST.  
**THIS ROGUE  
ROBOT!**

**THIS IS NOT  
SONIC! NOT  
MY TARGET!  
I--!**



\*!



TARGET  
ACKNOW-  
LEDGED.

Ahhh...  
A SOFT-REBOOT  
DEFIANCE  
KILL-SWITCH.  
IF ONLY I'D IN-  
STALLED THAT IN  
YOUR PREDECESSOR,  
OR GAMMA,  
OR OMEGA.

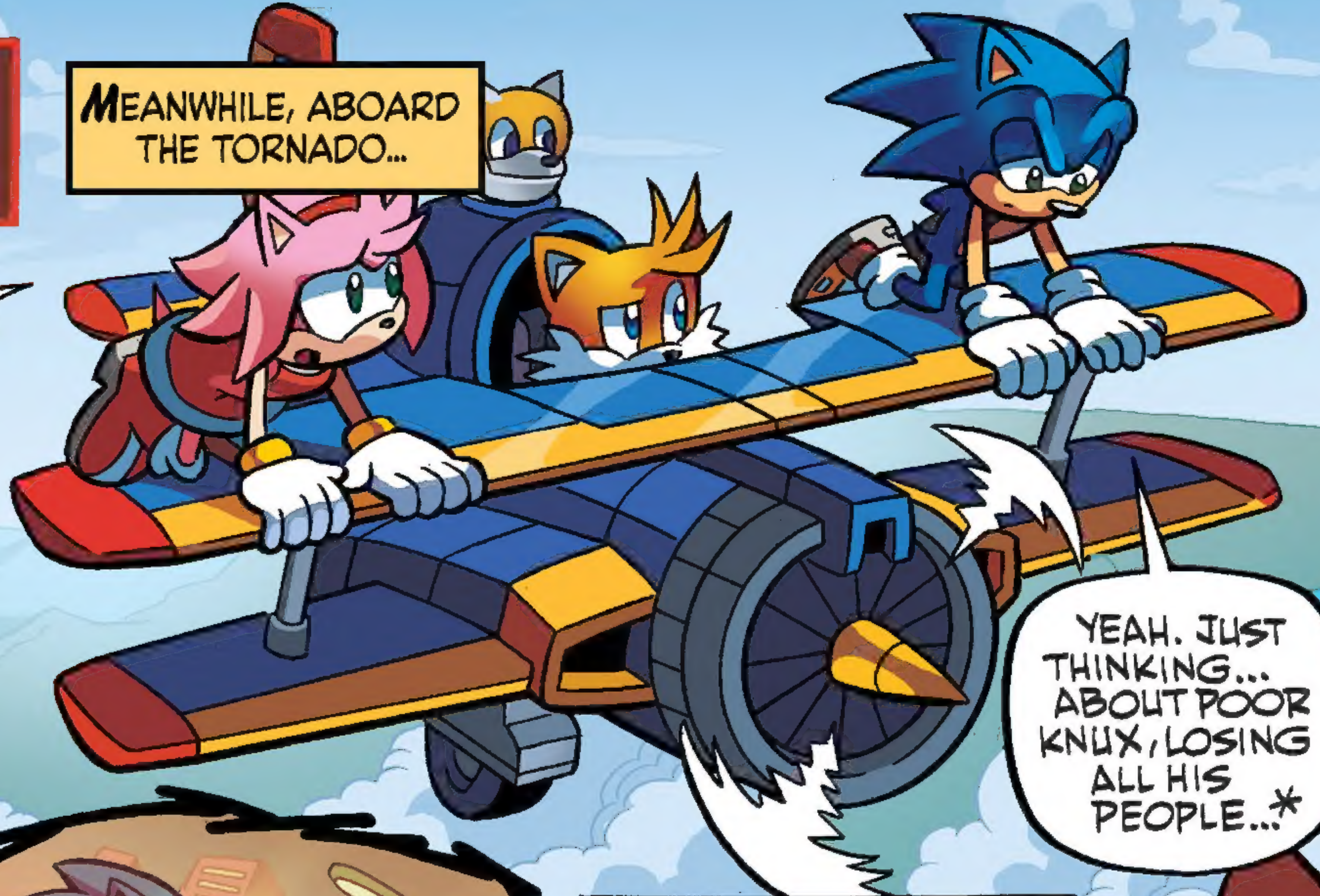
IF ONLY IT **COULD**  
BE INSTALLED IN  
**SNIVELY.**



"BACK TO BUSINESS. IT'S TIME TO RETIRE THAT OLDER ROBOT."

MEANWHILE, ABOARD THE TORNADO...

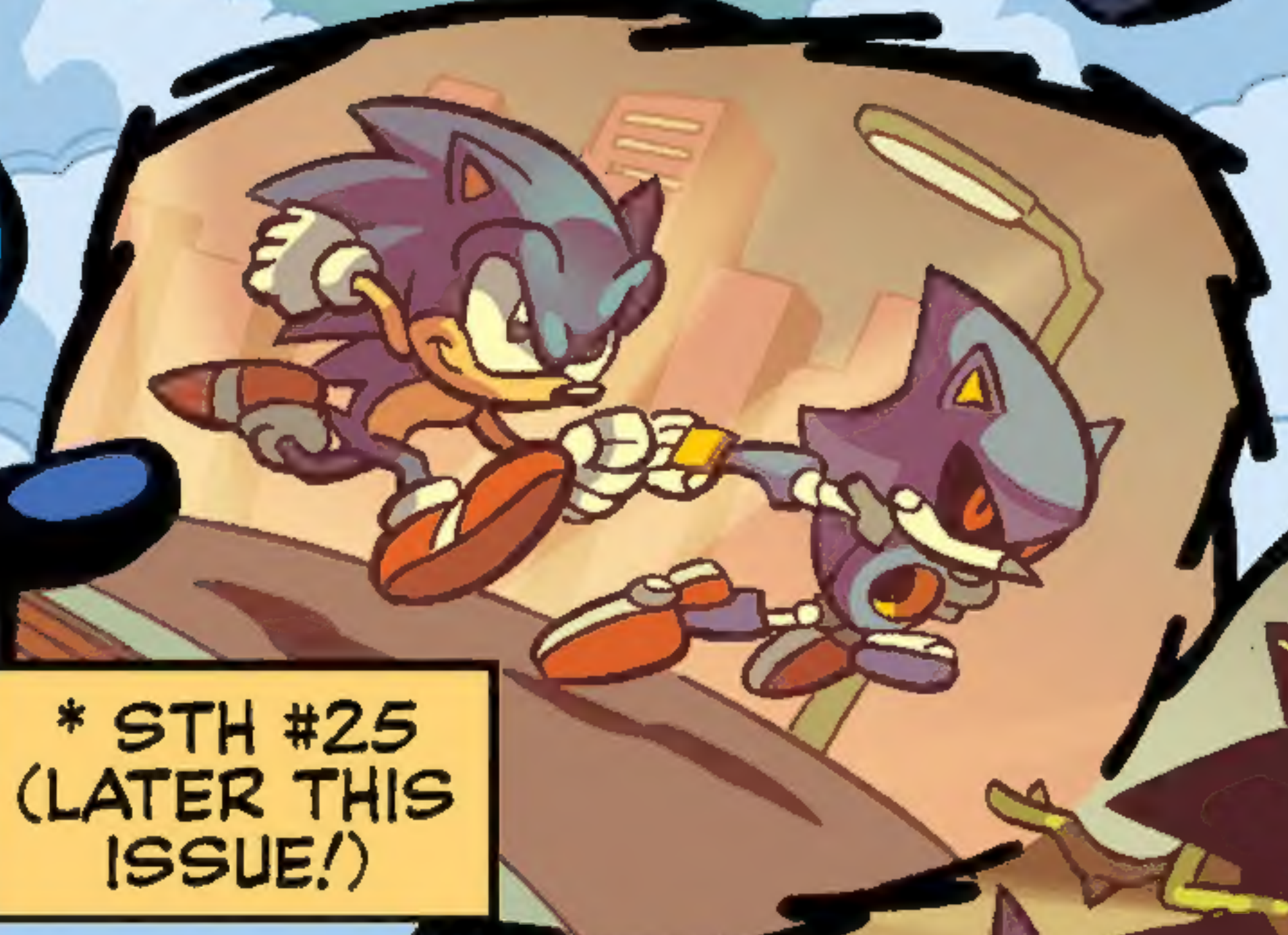
SONIC?  
YOU OKAY?



YEAH. JUST THINKING... ABOUT POOR KNUX, LOSING ALL HIS PEOPLE...\*

\*ENDANGERED SPECIES -- STH # 243-246

\* STH #25 (LATER THIS ISSUE!)



\* STH #246 (ON SALE NOW!)



\* STH #88 (AVAILABLE ON THE SONIC APP!)

...AND MEETING MECHA SONIC--I MEAN, SHARD-- AGAIN. I RACED FOR MY LIFE AGAINST THE GUY--FOR YOUR LIVES, TOO. HE WAS A KILLER ROBOT ME! AND ALL OF A SUD-DEN HE'S HELPING US BEAT THE KRUDZU?

I WAS CREEPED OUT BY HIM, TOO. BUT WE DID SEE THAT SPARK OF GOOD IN HIM BEFORE. HE SACRIFICED HIMSELF TO SAVE US ONCE. I'M HAPPY THAT HE'S GETTING A SECOND CHANCE!

I'M NOT SAYING WE SHOULDN'T HAVE GIVEN HIM A SHOT. HE DID HELP US OUT. A LOT.

I JUST WORRY, Y'KNOW? THAT'S A LOT OF POWER IN SOMEONE WHO'S STILL FIGURING OUT IF HE'S A GOOD GUY...





"...OR A BAD GUY."

NEW MOBOTROPOLIS  
--SECRET HQ--

IT'S OVER,  
NICOLE! THE  
CITY IS  
MINE!

SHARD.  
THERE  
ARE NO  
LASERS  
IN  
CHESS.

YOU MEAN  
IN REAL  
CHESS.

THIS IS THE  
DIGITAL WORLD!  
THERE'S NO  
WORRIES ABOUT  
COLLATERAL  
DAMAGE!

SHARD TAKES  
PAWN--CHECK!

NICOLE  
A. I. GUARDIAN  
OF NEW  
MOBOTROPOLIS

NICOLE  
TAKES  
SHARD.  
CHECK-  
MATE.

GAH! I  
GUESS I  
SET MYSELF  
UP FOR  
THAT ONE.

ANOTHER  
ROUND?

SURE. BUT  
IF I MAY--

--YOU'VE BEEN  
VISITING MY NETWORK  
A LOT. I ENJOY THE  
COMPANY OF ANOTHER  
A.I.\*; BUT DON'T YOU  
WANT TO ENJOY THE  
REAL WORLD?

\*ARTIFICIAL  
INTELLIGENCE

WELL, BEING A SECRET  
AGENT AND AN INFAMOUS  
KILLER ROBOT MAKES IT  
HARD TO SOCIALIZE.

AND... I  
DON'T  
THINK  
I'M  
READY.



I DISAGREE. YOU'VE PROVEN YOURSELF BRAVE, SELFLESS AND LOYAL. THE SECRET FREEDOM FIGHTERS SEE YOU AS A TEAMMATE THAT THEY CAN TRUST, NOT A TOOL.

YEAH, WELL, THAT'S SIX OF THEM, NOT THE WHOLE CITY. THEY JUST SAW A METAL SONIC AS PART OF AN INVASION.\*

THE CITIZENS DON'T HAVE ENTIRELY FOND MEMORIES OF ME, EITHER.\*\*

BUT THEY'RE COMING TO UNDERSTAND AND FORGIVE ME.

THEY CAN DO THE SAME FOR YOU.

\*STH #240



IN THEORY.

BUT YOU HAD LIFELONG FRIENDS TO VOUCH FOR YOU. WHEN SONIC SAYS "SHE'S COOL, AND HERE'S ALL THE GOOD SHE'S DONE," PEOPLE WILL LISTEN.

\*\*NICOLE WAS WARPED INTO THE EVIL "IRON NICOLE" IN STH #208, AVAILABLE ON THE SONIC COMICS APP! --EDITOR

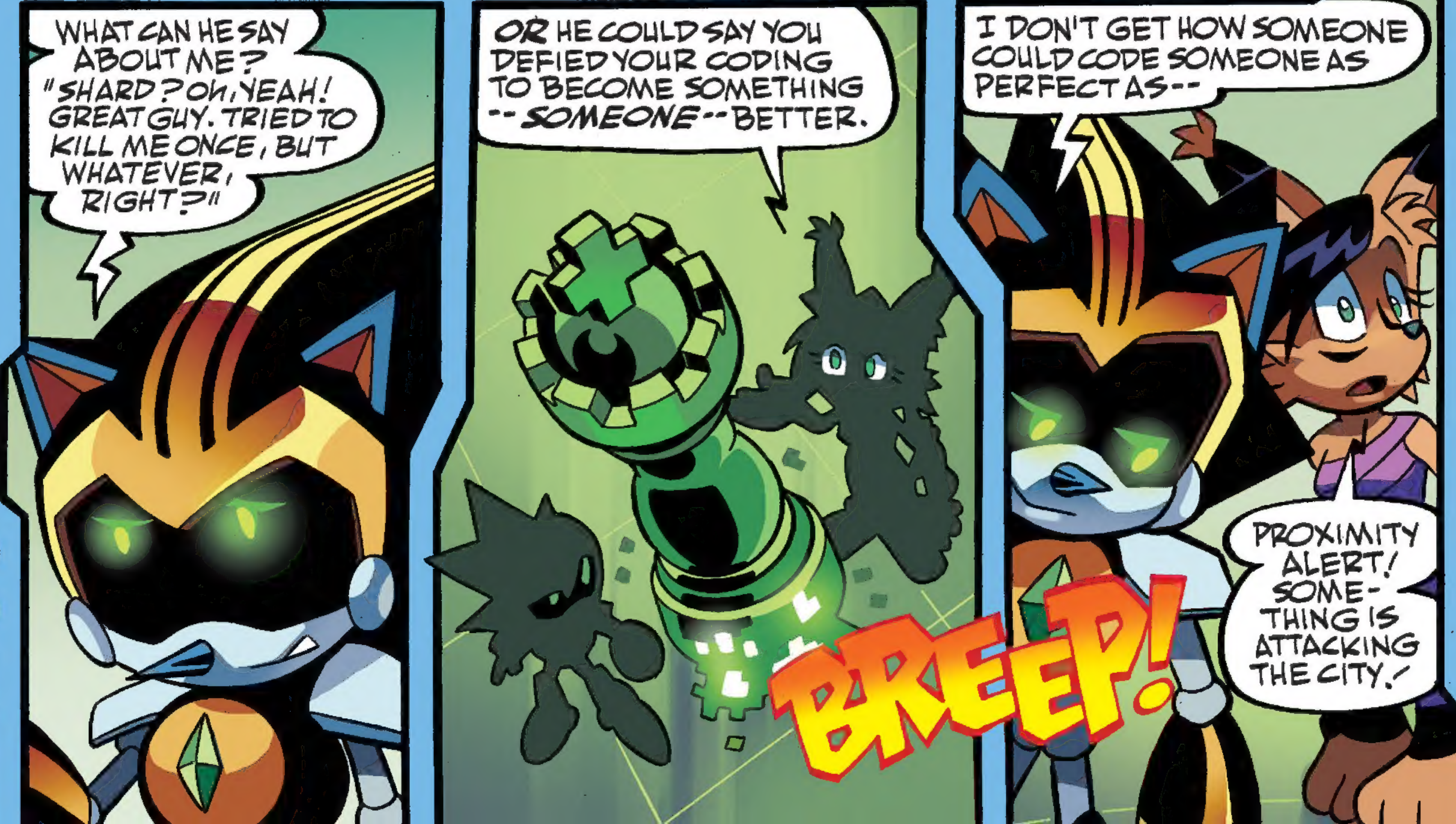
WHAT CAN HE SAY ABOUT ME? "SHARD? OH, YEAH! GREAT GUY. TRIED TO KILL ME ONCE, BUT WHATEVER, RIGHT?"

OR HE COULD SAY YOU DEFIED YOUR CODING TO BECOME SOMETHING -- SOMEONE -- BETTER.

I DON'T GET HOW SOMEONE COULD CODE SOMEONE AS PERFECT AS--

PROXIMITY ALERT! SOMETHING IS ATTACKING THE CITY!

**BREEP!**







ISN'T THE CITY'S SHIELD UP?

NO, SOMETHING IS DISRUPTING MY COMMANDS, AND THE ATTACK CAME TOO FAST TO RAISE DEFENSES!

OKAY, THEN-- WHERE IS IT, WHAT IS IT, AND HOW CAN I BLOW IT UP?

IT BREACHED THE NORTH WALL, TORE UP THE STREET, AND IS NOW AT THE HOSPITAL. I'LL SEE IF I CAN USE MY NANITES TO -- OH, NO...



...IT'S METAL SONIC. HE HAS A HOSTAGE. T-TEAM FREEDOM IS ON THEIR WAY...

THEY'RE NOT FAST ENOUGH. AND THIS ISN'T JUST SOME BADNIK.



I SHOULD KNOW.

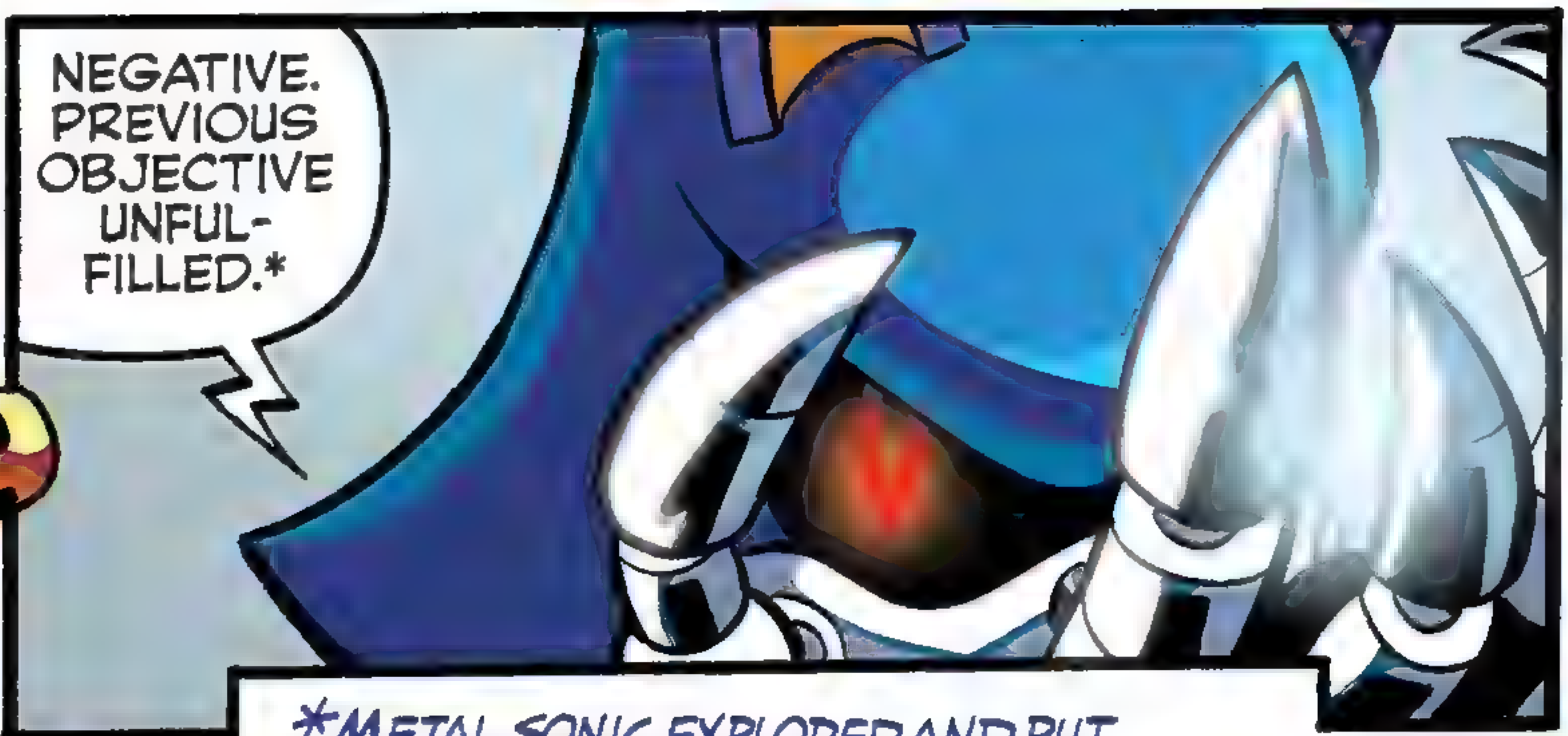




HEY, THERE.  
HOW ABOUT  
WE TAKE  
THIS OUT-  
SIDE?

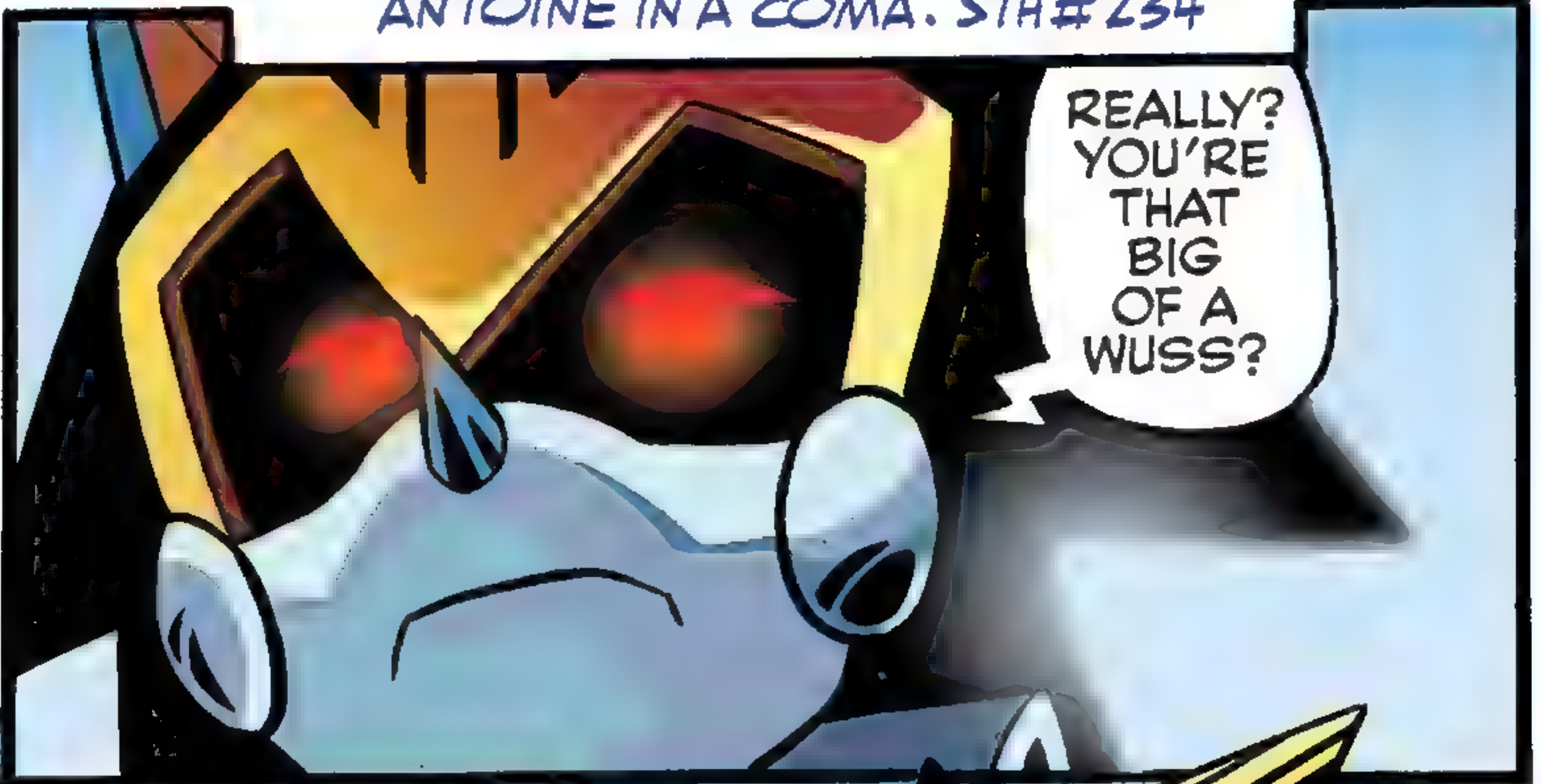


NEGATIVE.  
PREVIOUS  
OBJECTIVE  
UNFUL-  
FILLED.\*



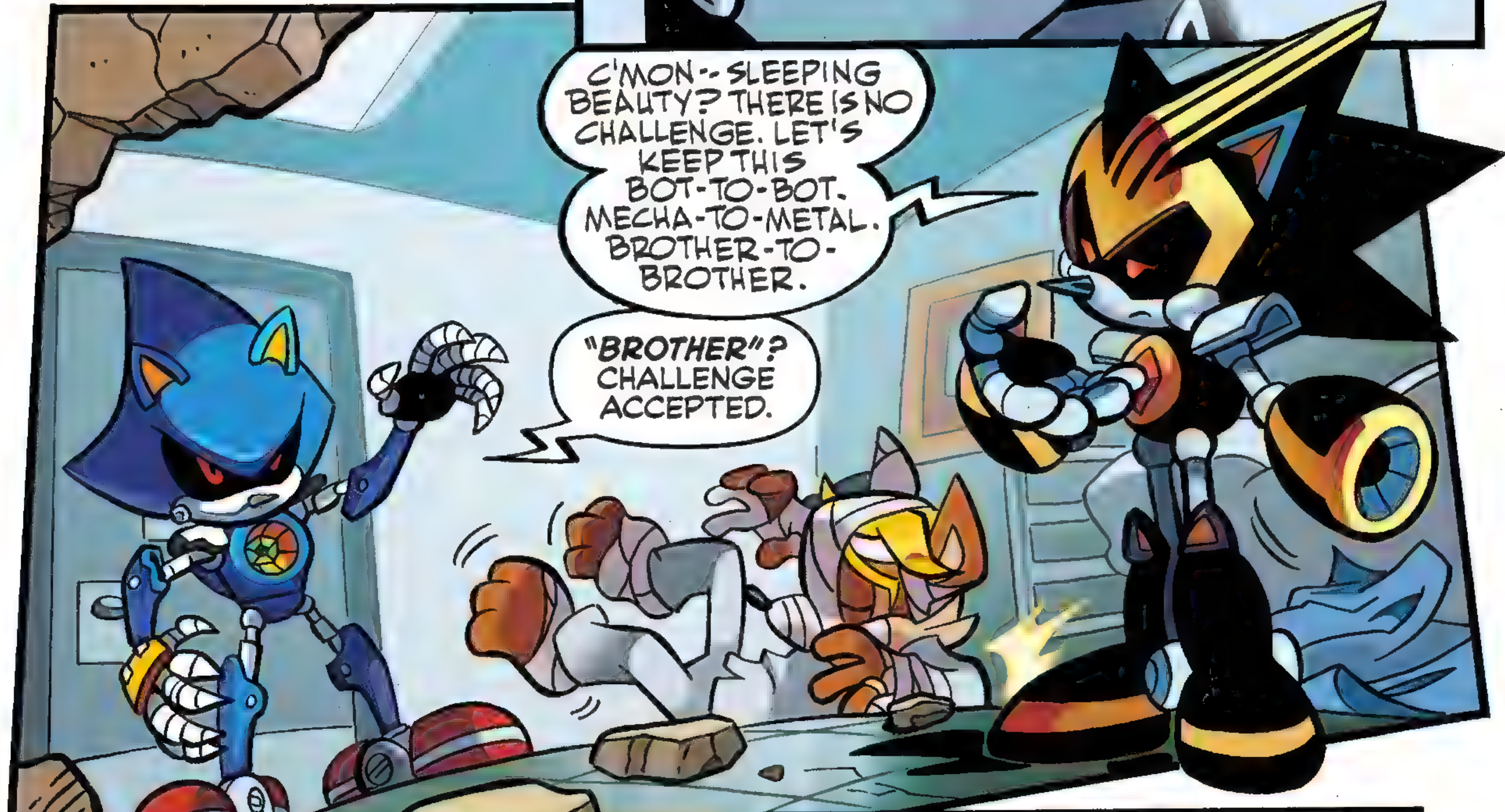
\*METAL SONIC EXPLODED AND PUT ANTOINE IN A COMA. STH# Z34

REALLY?  
YOU'RE  
THAT  
BIG  
OF A  
WUSS?



C'MON-- SLEEPING  
BEAUTY? THERE IS NO  
CHALLENGE. LET'S  
KEEP THIS  
BOT-TO-BOT.  
MECHA-TO-METAL.  
BROTHER-TO-  
BROTHER.

"BROTHER"?  
CHALLENGE  
ACCEPTED.



BACK  
AWAY  
FROM--!



"... WHERE DID IT GO?"

THE GREAT WASTES (FORMERLY KNOTHOLE VILLAGE)

HERE?

CORRECT. SITE IS PROOF OF ROBOTIC SUPERIORITY.\*

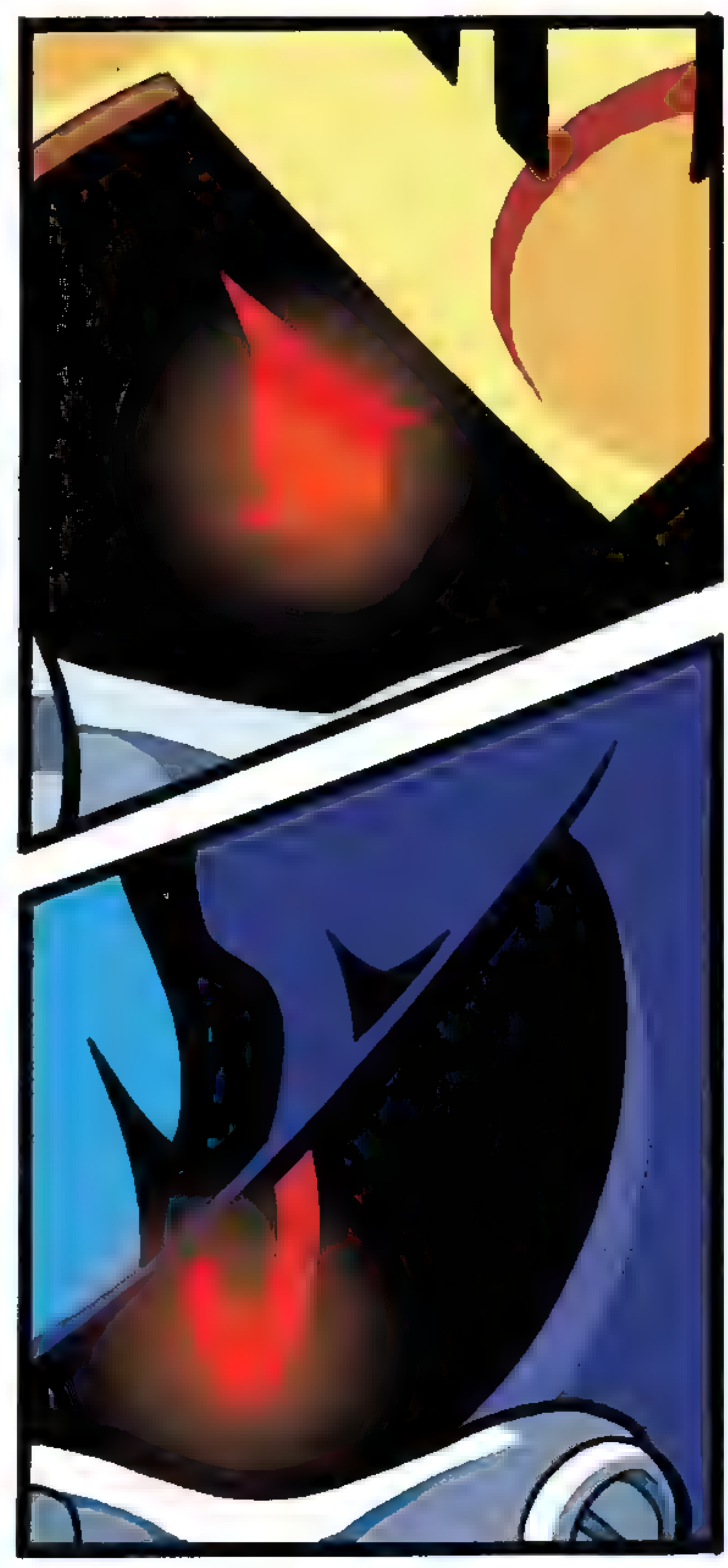
\* SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 10 & SONIC SELECT VOL. 2.

UH-HUH. IF ORGANICS ARE SO "INFERIOR," WHY DO WE ASPIRE TO BE MORE LIKE THEM? AND DON'T DENY IT-- YOU'VE GOT MORE OF A SPARK TO YOU THAN THE LAST TIME.

I WAS UPGRADED.  
PERFECTED.

"PERFECT" NOTHIN'! THEY FEAR US. I'M WORKING TO TURN THAT AROUND. AND YOU SMASHING UP HOSPITALS ISN'T HELPING, "BRO."

IRRELEVANT, "BROTHER."



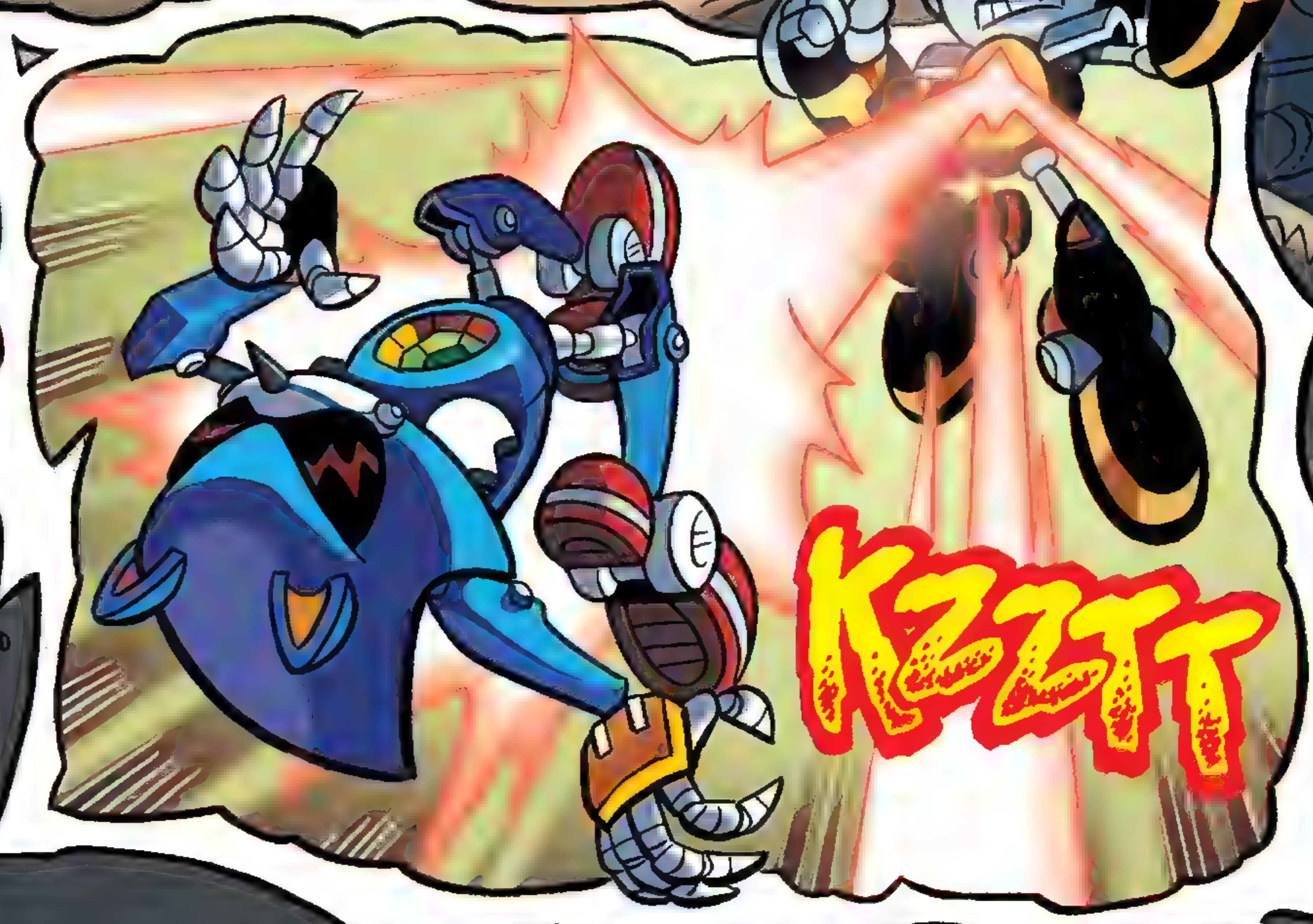
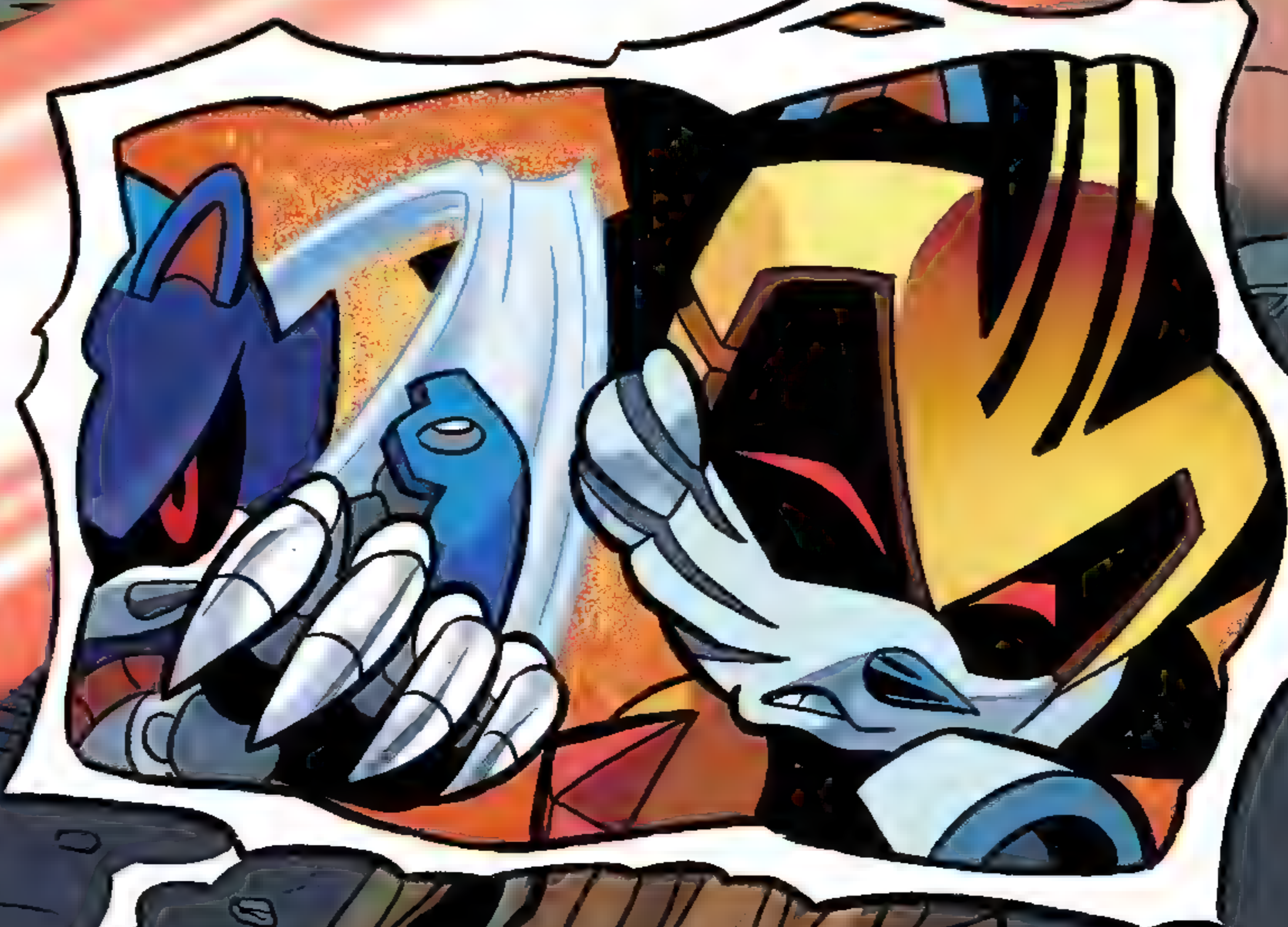




BLANG

KZZT

KZZT





NOT BAD!  
BUT I'VE STILL  
GOT THE SUPERIOR  
ARMAMENTS,  
BUDDY.

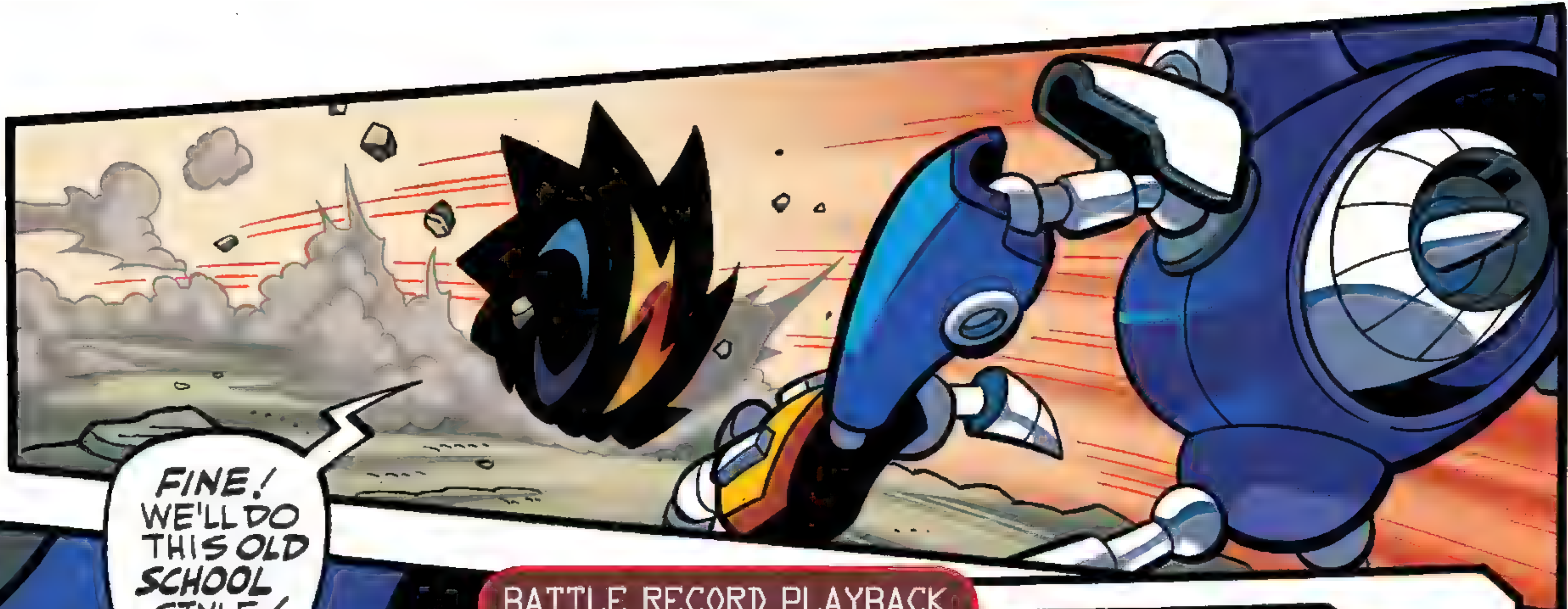
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DETERMINED





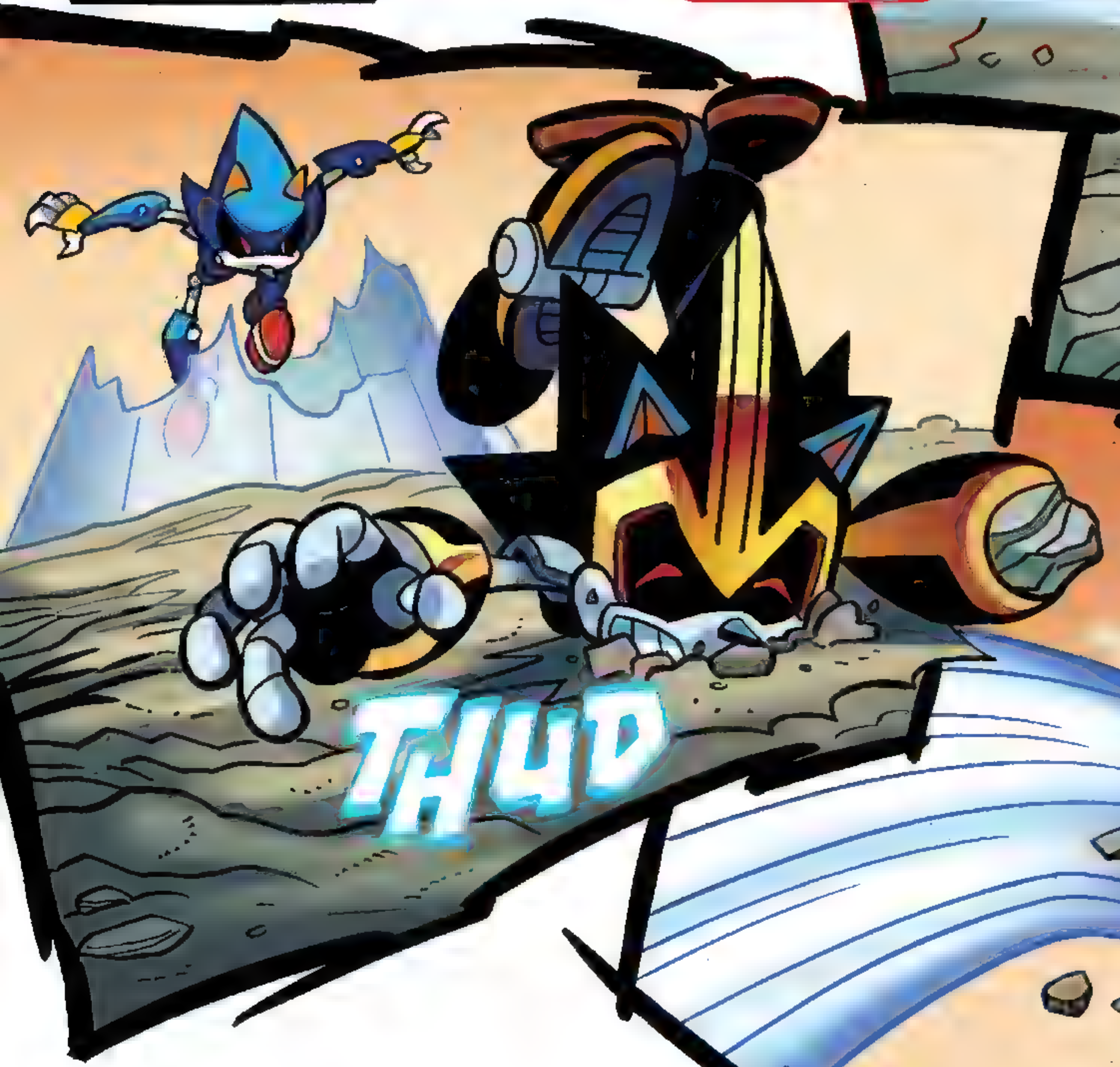


FINE!  
WE'LL DO  
THIS OLD  
SCHOOL  
STYLE!

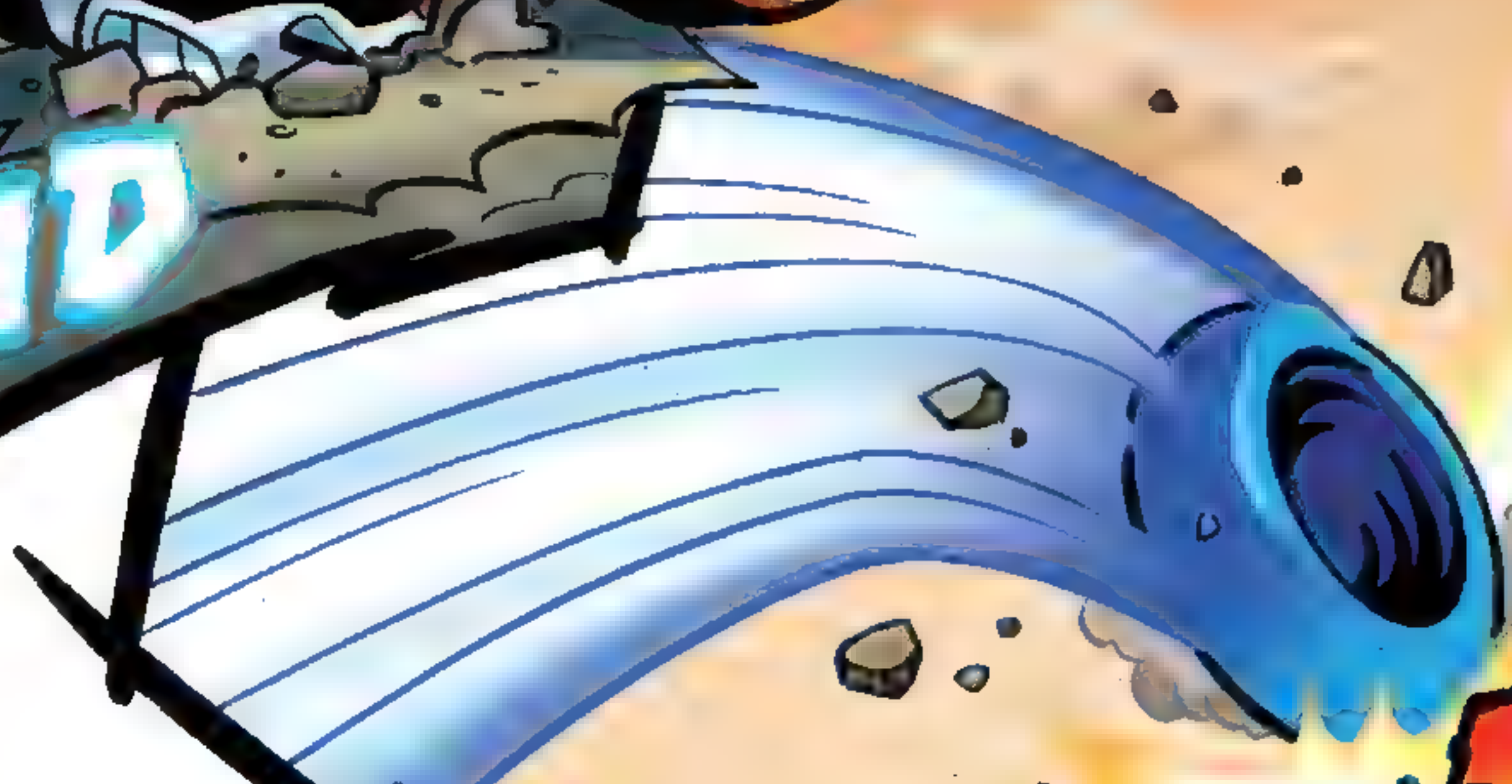
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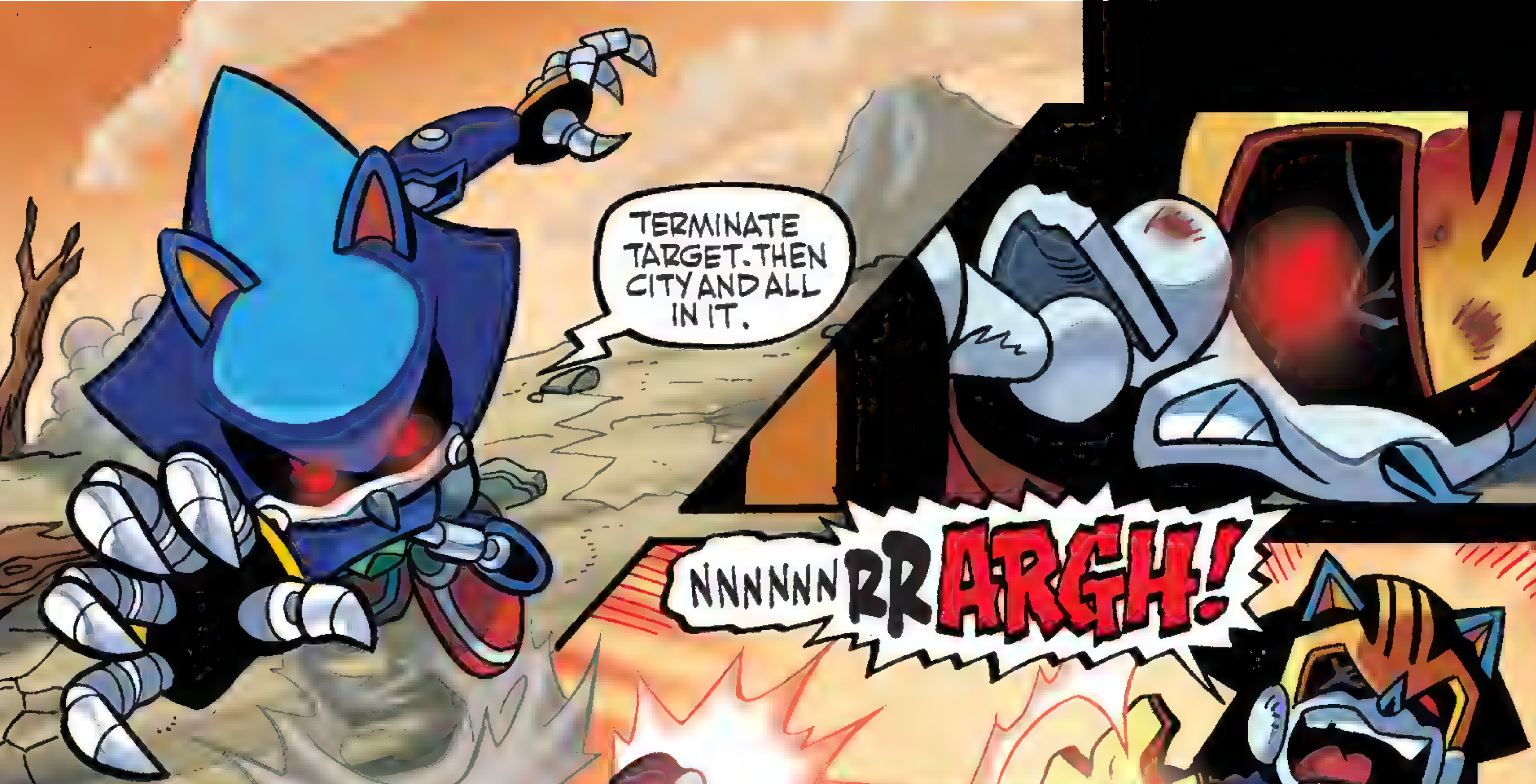
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BLAM





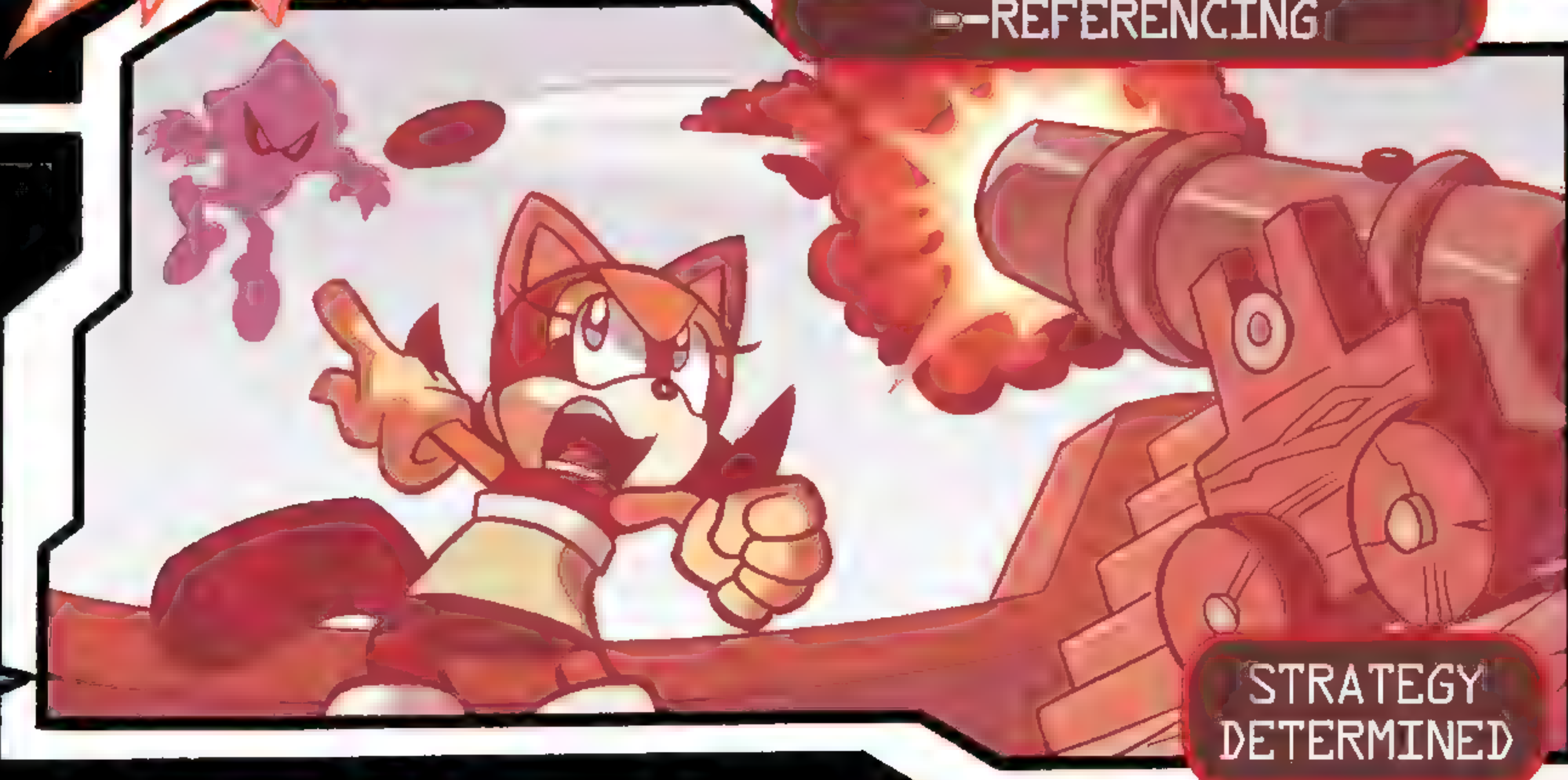


TERMINATE TARGET. THEN CITY AND ALL IN IT.

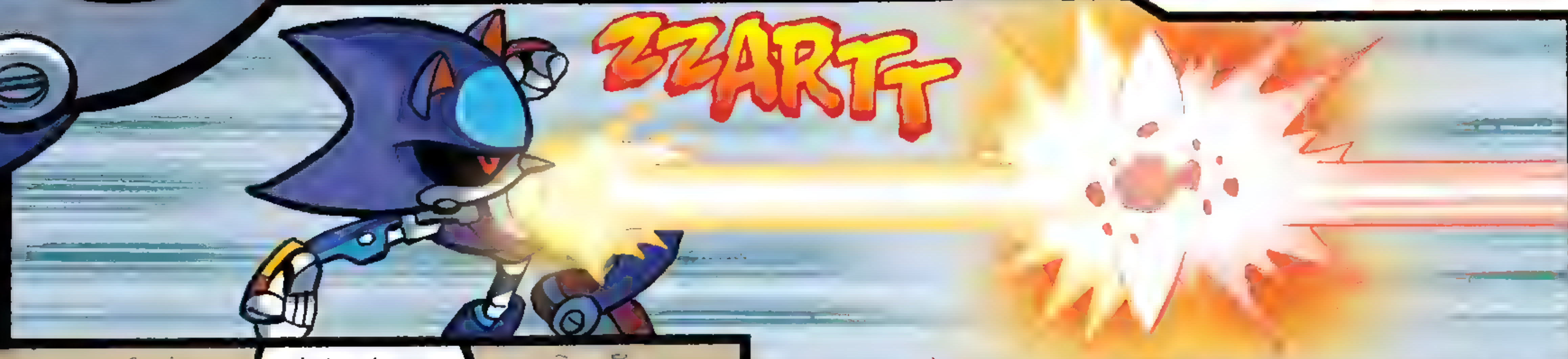


NNNNNRRARGH!

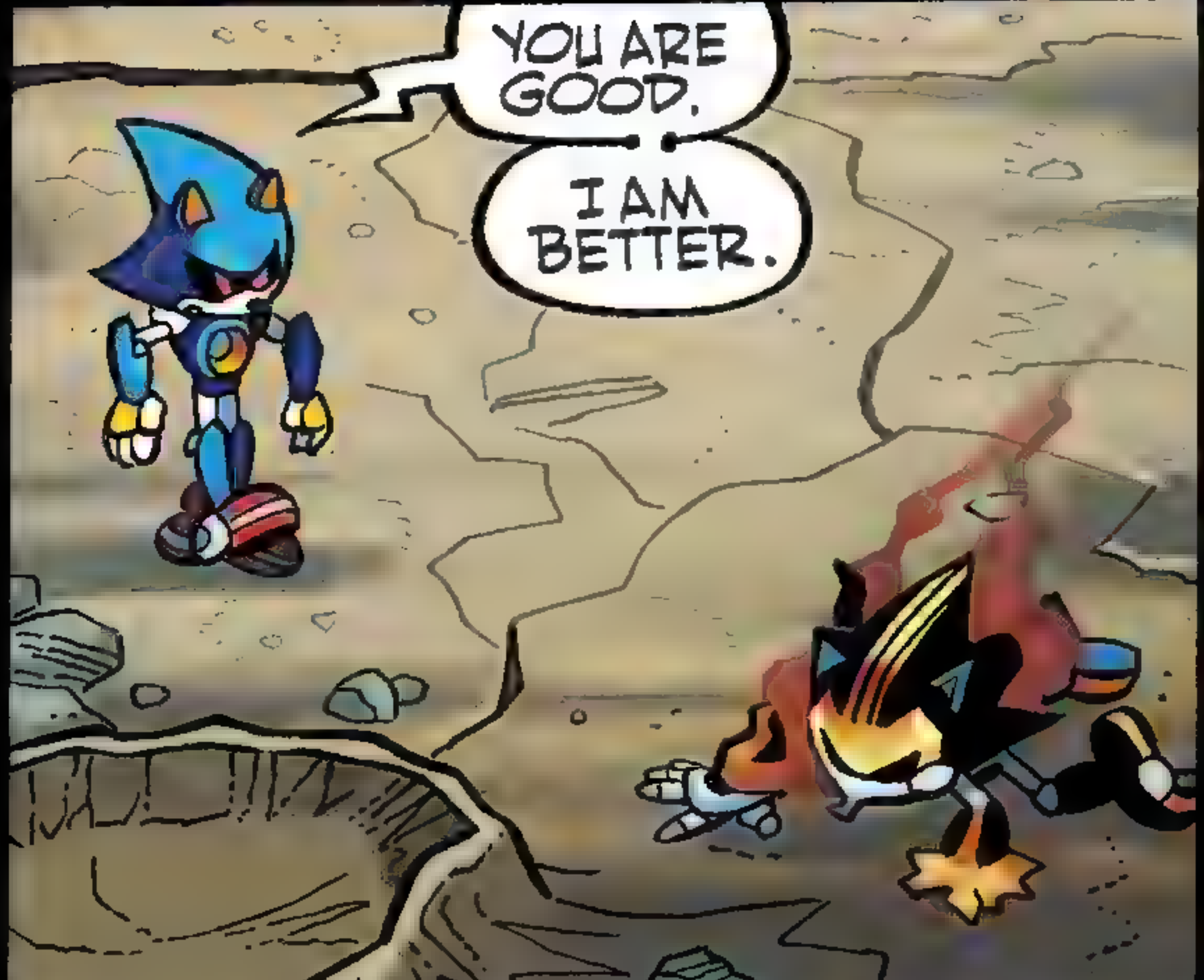
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STRATEGY DETERMINED



ZZARTT



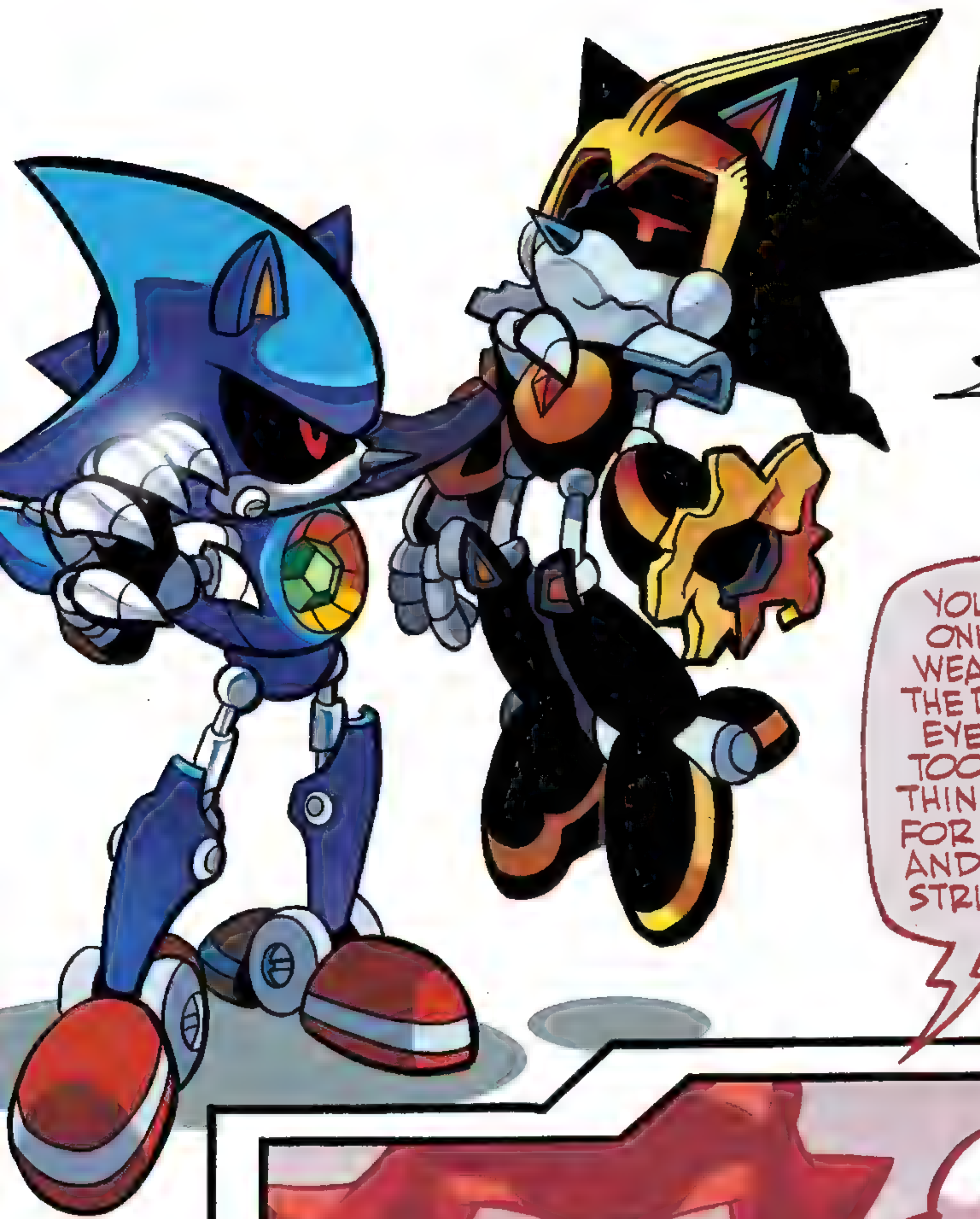
YOU ARE GOOD.

I AM BETTER.



SUPERIOR.



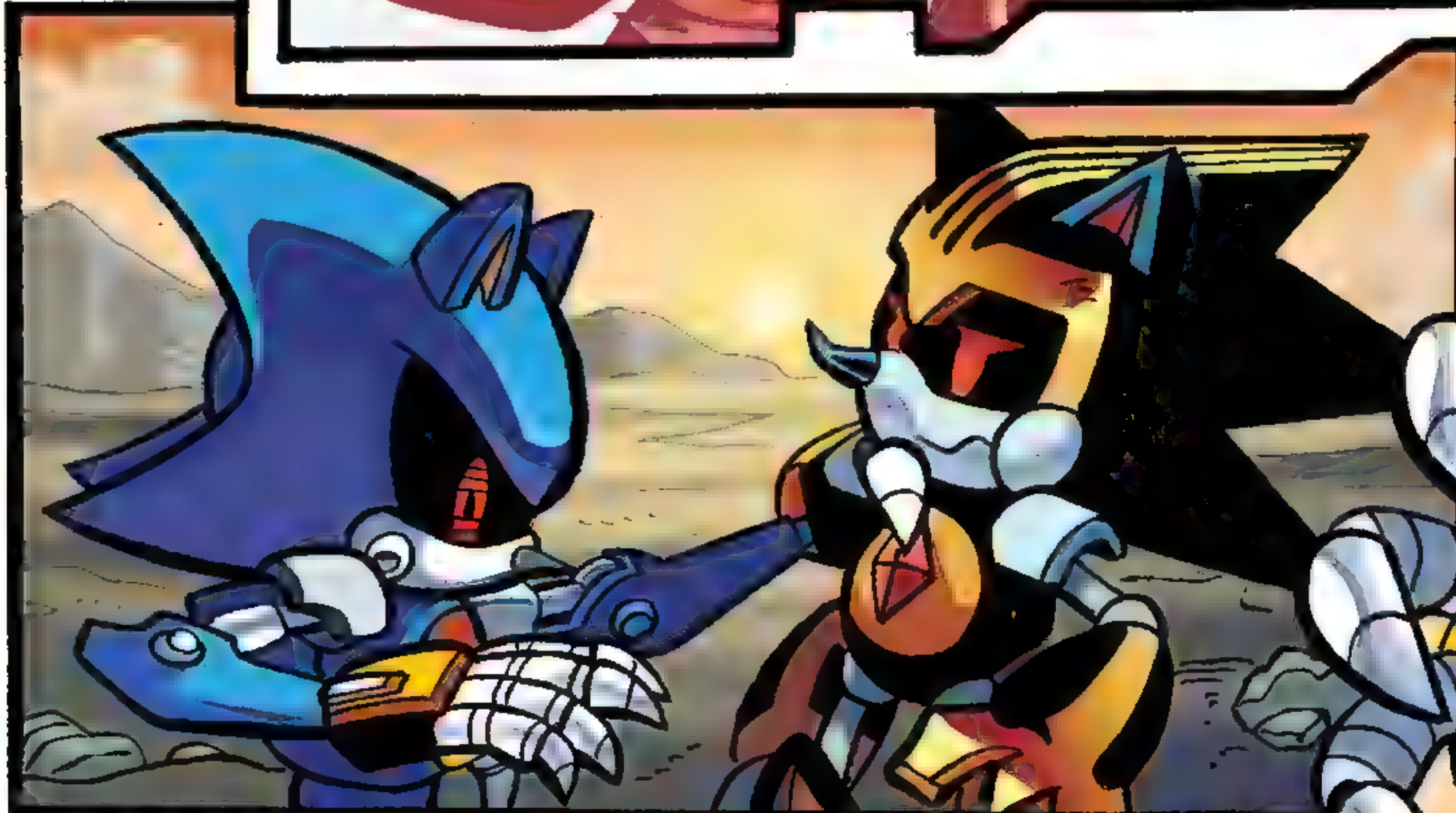
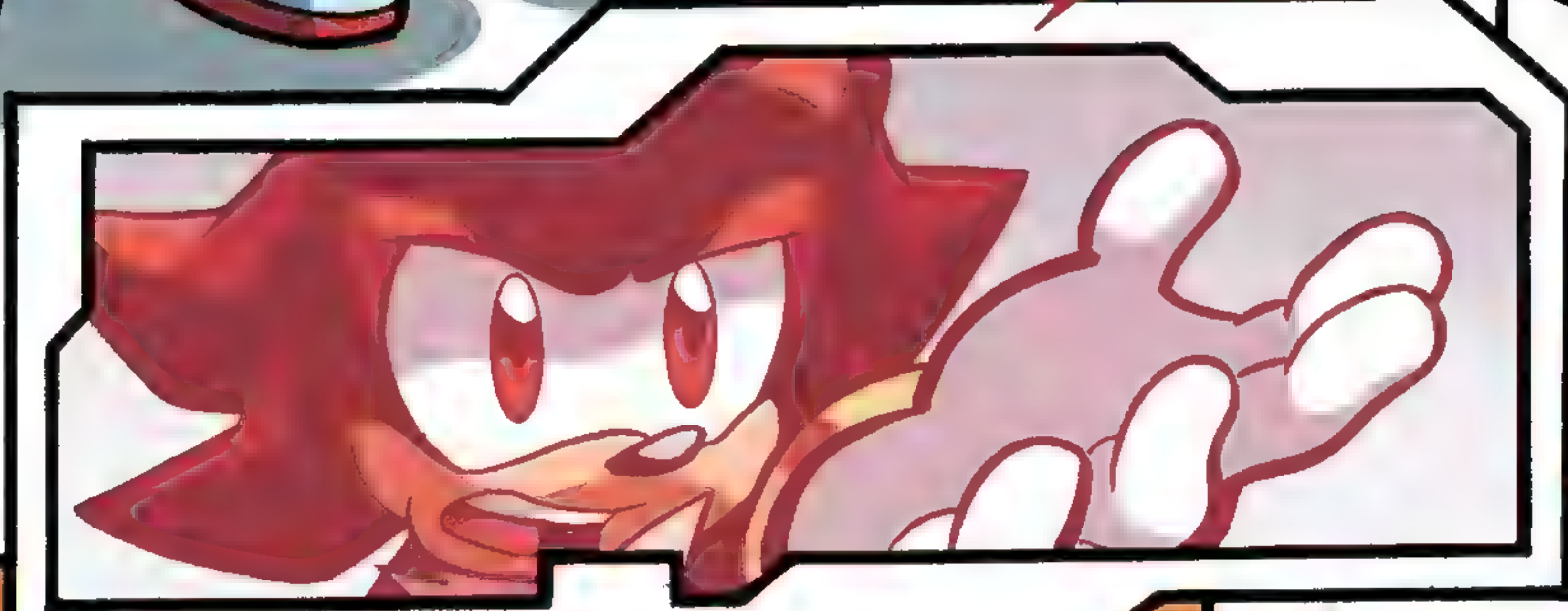


IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS! LOOK-- TAKE IT FROM ME. THERE CAN BE MORE TO LIFE THAN JUST "PRIORITY ONE, HEDGEHOG". YOU'VE GOT THE SAME INNER SPARK, RIGHT? YOU CAN GROW TOO. YOU CAN BE MORE THAN JUST A WEAPON OR A TOOL!

YOU ARE ONLY A WEAPON IN THE DOCTOR'S EYES. A TOOL. SOMETHING ONLY FOR MISERY AND DESTRUCTION.



...ONLY...



NO. TARGET ACQUIRED. ELIMINATE TARGET.

THERE REALLY IS NO POTENTIAL FOR GOOD IN YOU, IS THERE? EGGMAN ROBBED YOU OF THAT. YOU WILL PROBABLY KILL THEM ALL IF I DON'T STOP YOU HERE AND NOW.





WELL, THEN...  
GOOD THING  
MY CANNON'S  
FIXED.

CORRECT.

KZZIT

IF I'M  
GOING TO  
PROTECT HER...  
EVERYBODY...  
SORRY,  
"BROTHER,"  
BUT I'VE GOT  
TO PUT YOU  
DOWN.

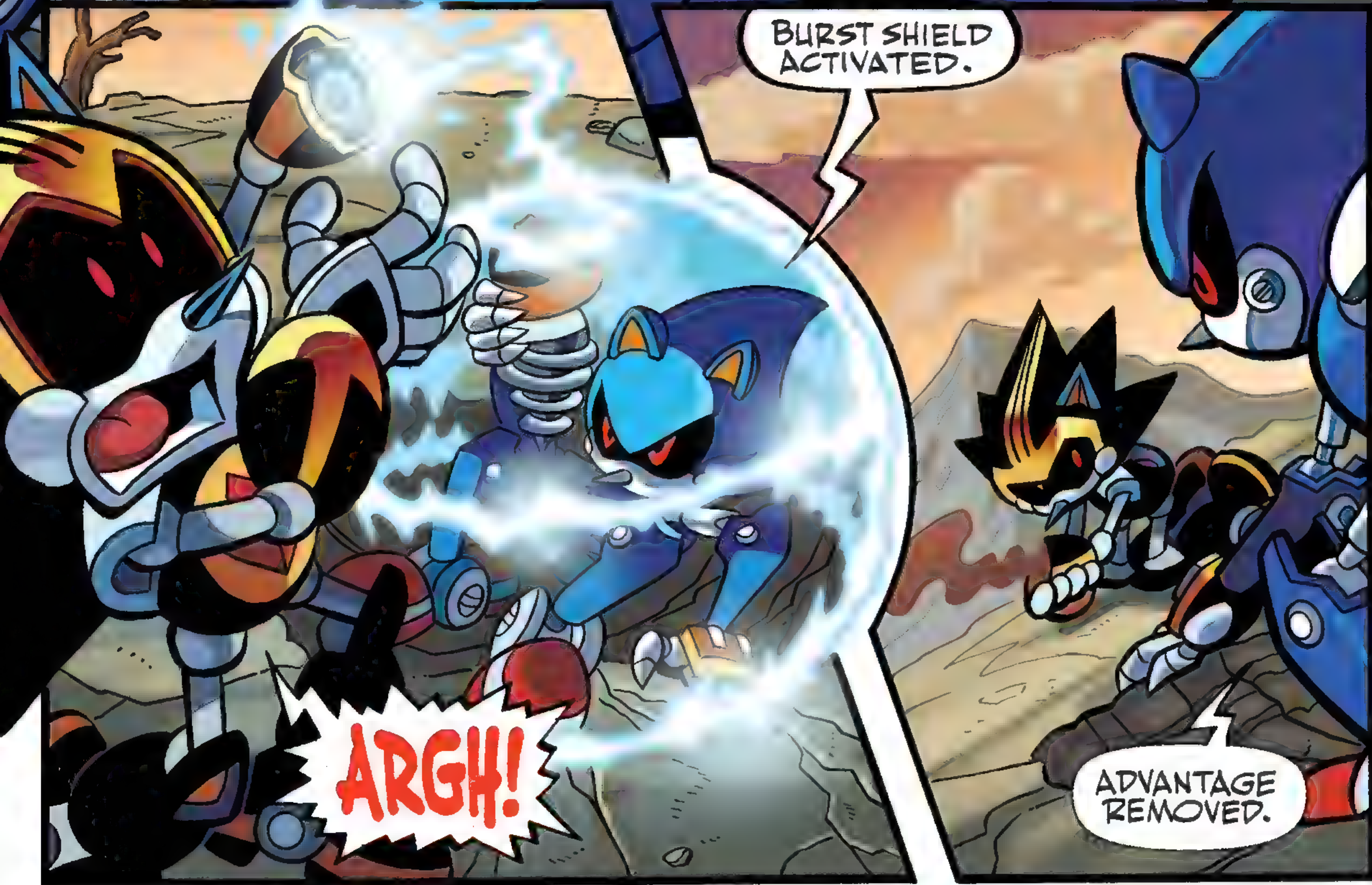
AND I BLAME  
EGGMAN FOR  
MAKING ME  
DO THIS!

REZZEE





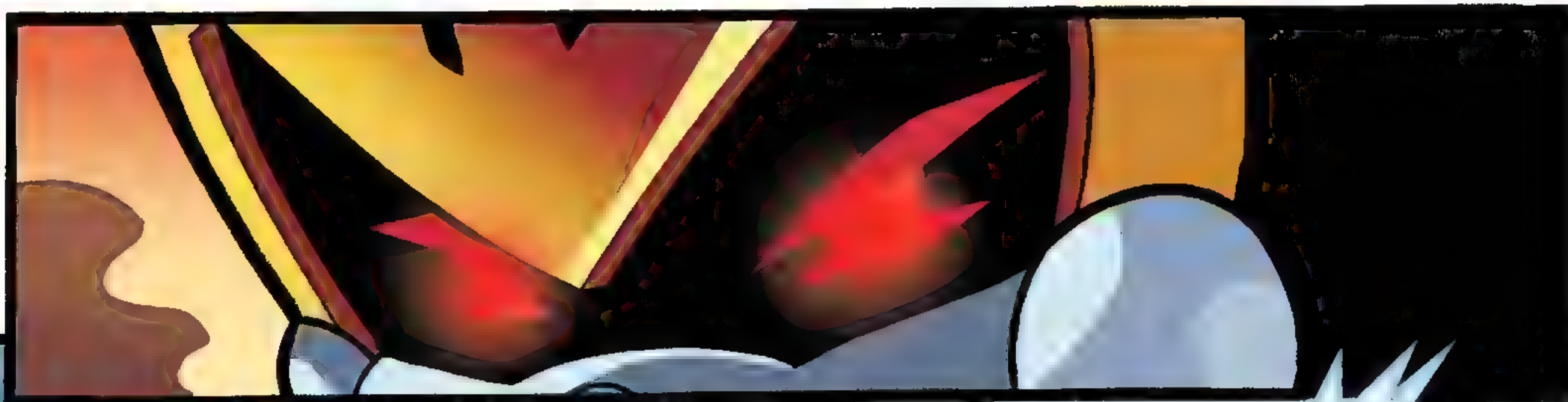
ADAPTIVE  
ARM--  
PROBLEM-  
ATIC.



BURST SHIELD  
ACTIVATED.

ARGH!

ADVANTAGE  
REMOVED.

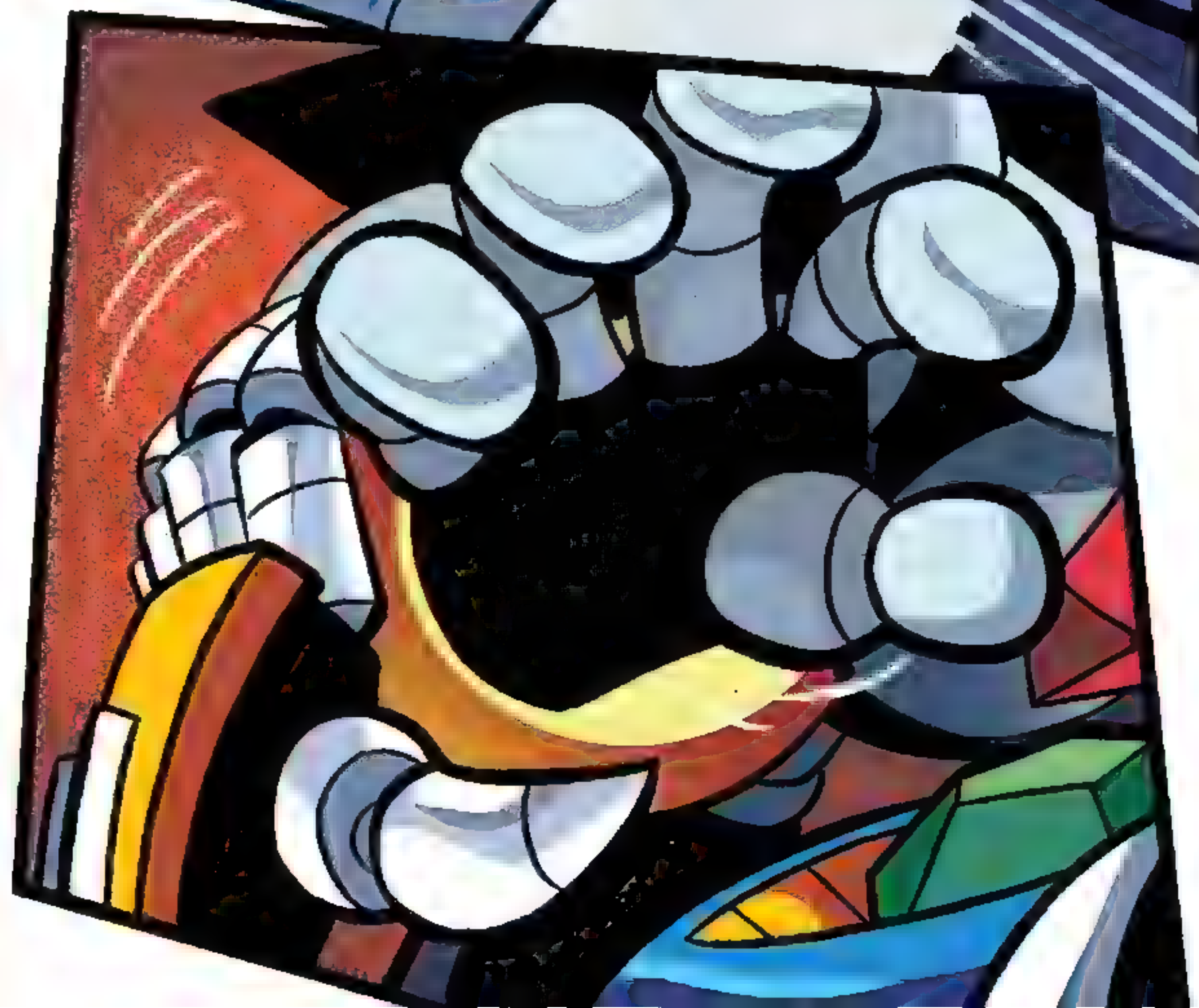
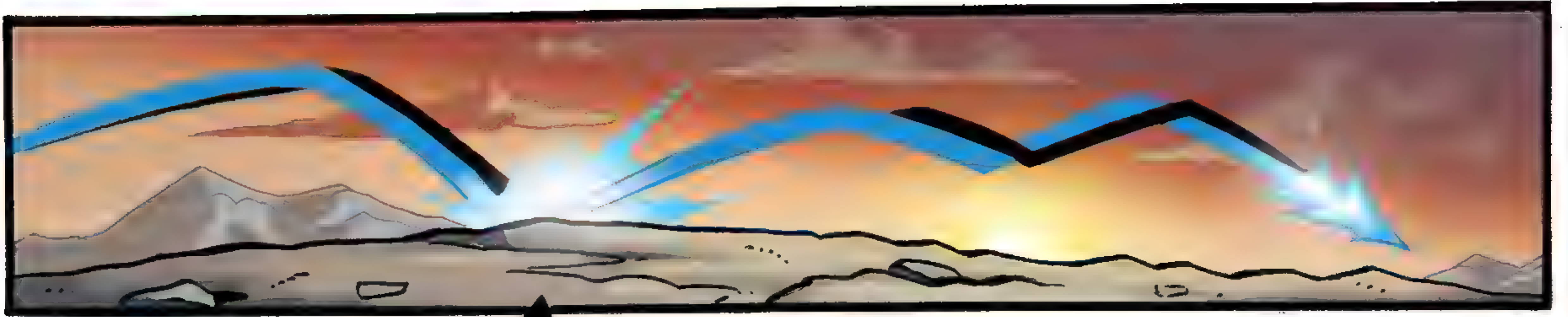


IF I GOTTA  
GO...

... WE GO  
TOGETHER!



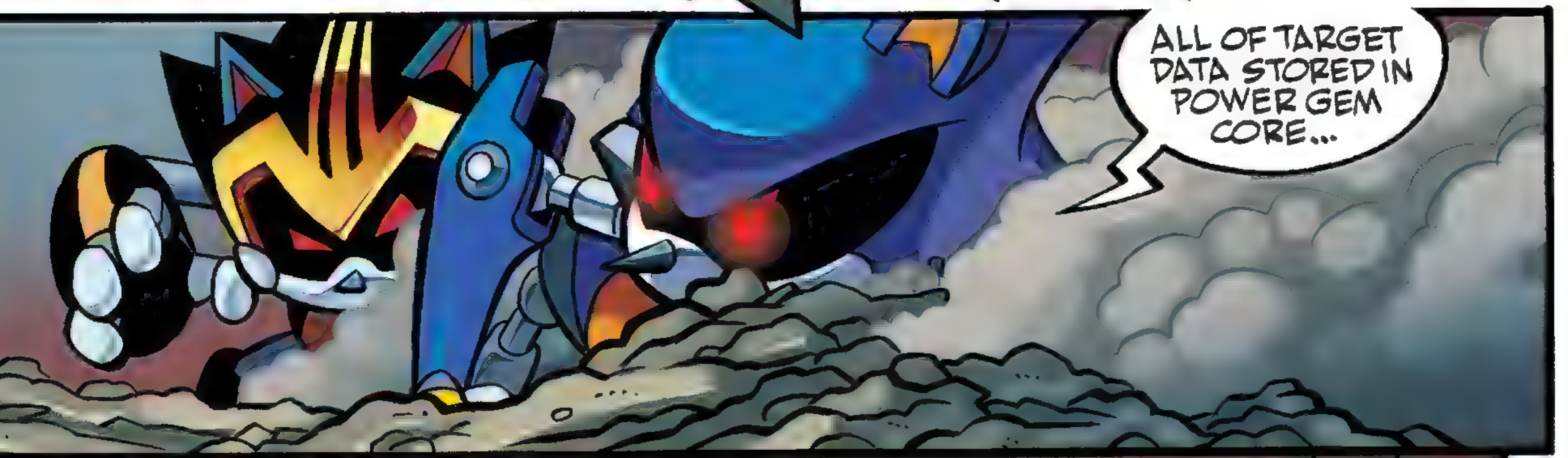




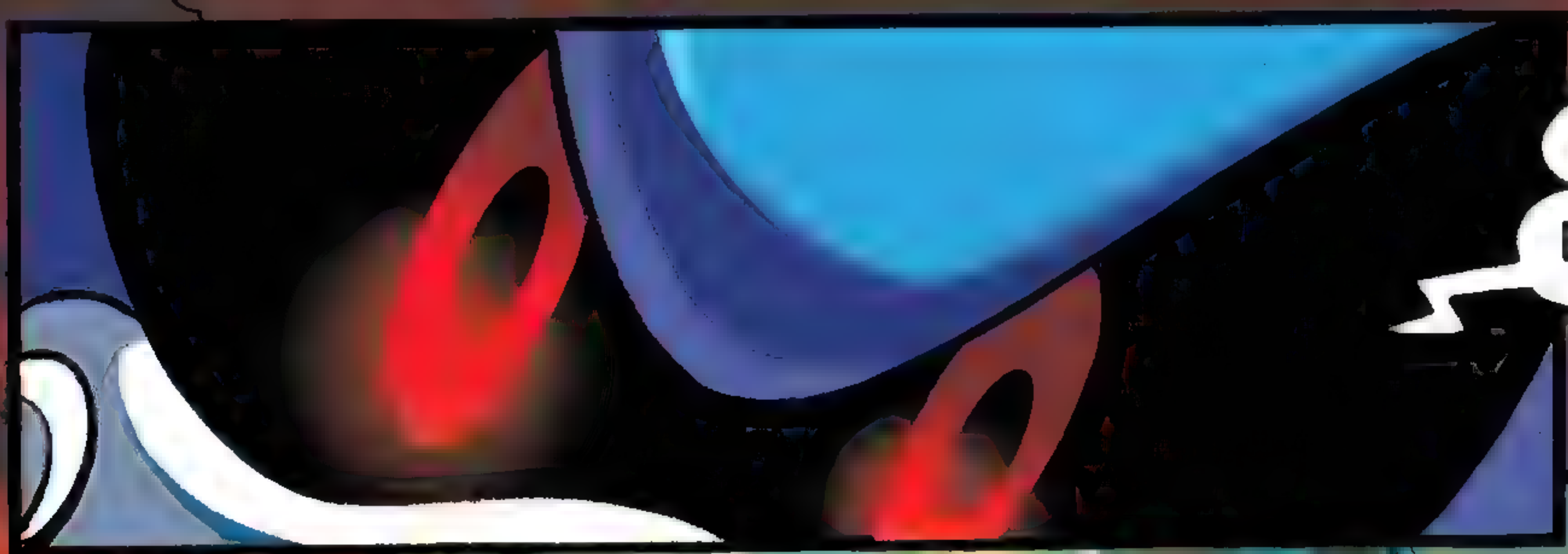




**KRAASH**



ALL OF TARGET DATA STORED IN POWER GEM CORE...

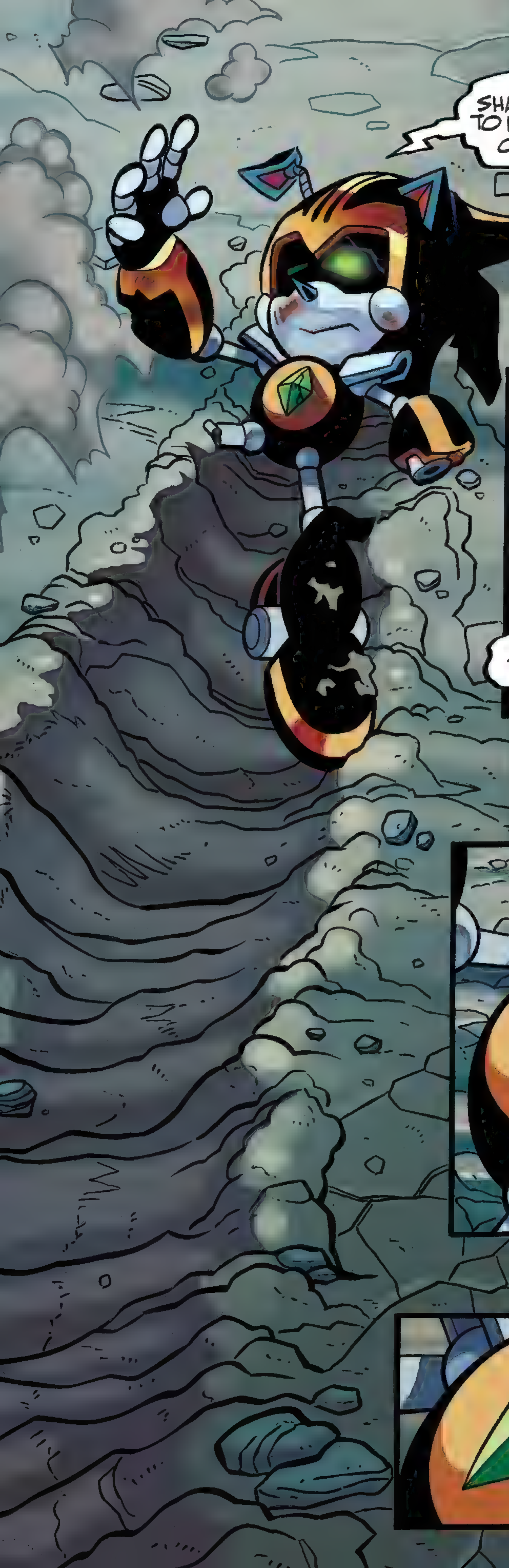


WEAKNESS DETECTED. ELIMINATING.



**KA-BOOM**





SHARD :KZT!/:  
TO N-NICOLE...  
COPY?

I COPY, BUT YOUR  
SIGNAL IS WEAK!  
ARE YOU OKAY?

HAHA--NO. :ZVK!/:  
NO, I N-NEED AN  
EMERGENCY PICK-UP.  
G-GREAT :VZT!/:  
WASTES...

METAL S-SONIC  
DOWN. :WRVP!/:

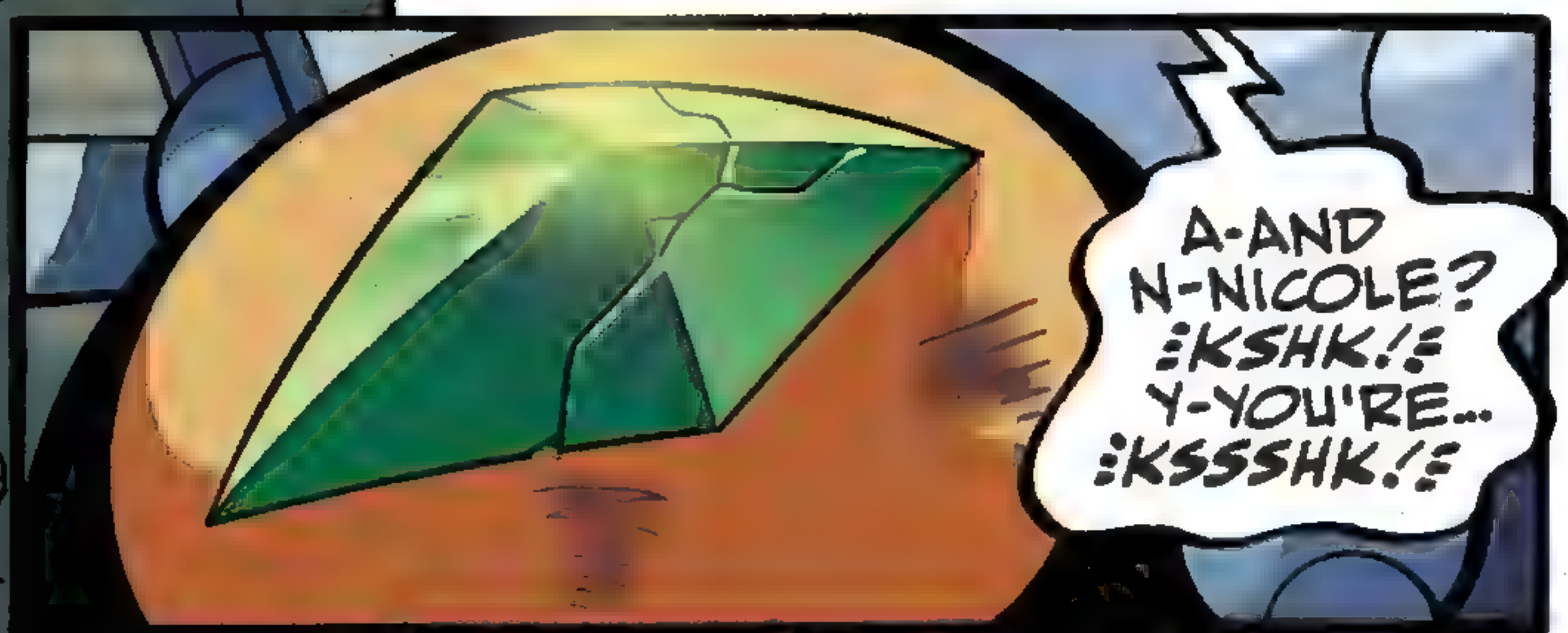
NOT REALLY MY  
DOING, BUT HEY...  
:KZZT!/:

I'M SURVIVING  
LONG ENOUGH  
TO GLOAT!

HANG ON! I'VE  
GOT AGENTS  
ON THE WAY!



TELL THEM... W-WARN  
THEM... METAL :SZK!/:  
MORE DANGEROUS.  
EGGMAN WILL... :KZK!/:  
REBUILD... MORE THAN  
JUST A WEAPON NOW  
...MUCH MORE...



A-AND  
N-NICOLE?  
:KSHK!/:  
Y-YOU'RE...  
:KSSSHK!/:



MEANWHILE...

METAL SONIC ONLINE. APPLYING HISTORICAL DATA. WEAPONS SYSTEMS ONLINE.

TSSSS

WELCOME BACK FROM THE REPAIR CHAMBER, MY MURDEROUS MACHINE!

MISSION REPORT!

YEP. HE NEEDED TO BE REBUILT AGAIN. PAY UP!

MAMA MIA! I'M-A NEVER BETTING WITH-A YOU AGAIN!

TARGET DESTROYED. POWER GEM CORES LOST.

Hmm... MIXED RESULTS. BUT I SUPPOSE I AM IMPRESSED WITH MY OWN CRAFTSMANSHIP.

INITIATING ATTACK ON NEW MOBOTROPOLIS. CALCULATING FLIGHT TIME.

HA! NO, WE'RE ABOUT TO DOCK AT THE ARCTIC REFUELING STATION. LEAVE THE CITY TO TAILS DOLL.

TARGETING: SONIC.

Ah-Ah-Ah!

NOT YET. I NEED YOU FOR MUCH BIGGER PLANS! REPORT TO THE INTERDIMENSIONAL GATEWAY. YOU'RE GOING TO MEET YOUR NEW PARTNER. A BASE VILLAIN LIKE YOURSELF! YOU'LL LIKE HIM!

AFFIRMATIVE.

DON'T POUT! YOU ARE NOW PERFECTED! YOU NOW THINK AS VICIOUSLY AS YOU ATTACK. YOU ARE MY UNDYING, HEARTLESS WEAPON OF MISERY AND DESPAIR!

HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT?



MISSION OBJECTIVE IS ACCEPTABLE. ALL WILL PAY.



METAL SONIC IS BACK--AND Badder than ever. Discover who his new partner is in the epic crossover event "When Worlds Collide" starting in MEGA MAN # 24!

UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS OUT ON SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, SONIC SUPER SPECIAL, SONIC SUPER DIGEST, and the ENTIRE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

**NOT**  
The END...



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# SONIC™ THE HEDGEHOG

ISSUE **25**

FEATURING THE  
FIRST APPEARANCE  
OF MECHA SONIC!



## PREVIOUSLY...



Sonic and the Freedom Fighters have fought the evil of Dr. Ivo "Eggman" Robotnik since they were little kids – but the face of evil is changing.

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## DID YOU KNOW...

This story features one of the very first Sonic comics pencilled by Sonic art legend Patrick "Spaz" Spaziante! Spaz's debut in STH#21 was so huge, that Patrick went on to pencil both STH#22's cover and interiors, followed shortly by the monumental STH#25! Spaz now illustrates every single Sonic the Hedgehog commemorative issue cover!



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# SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™


STANDS NO CHANCE AGAINST THE  
ALL NEW, ALL DIFFERENT  
**MECHA-SONIC!™**

"GO AHEAD...  
MECHA MY  
DAY!"


PART 3

A large, blue, metallic Mecha-Sonic stands on the left, holding a yellow power-up. On the right, the real Sonic the Hedgehog looks thoughtful with his hands clasped. The background is a colorful, abstract landscape.

I HOPE YOU'RE  
HUNGRY, BECAUSE I'M  
GONNA MAKE YOU SWALLOW  
BOTH OF THOSE LOGOS!

Mecha-Sonic is shown from the chest up, looking towards the right.

THE ONLY THING YOU'RE  
GOING TO DO IS EAT MY  
DUST... *STARDUST* THAT  
IS... AS I HEAD THROUGH  
THE *STARDUST SPEEDWAY*  
ZONE! YOUR TWO LITTLE  
FRIENDS ARE WAITING FOR  
ME AT THE *FINISH LINE*!

A close-up of Sonic's face as he thinks, with a hand on his chin.

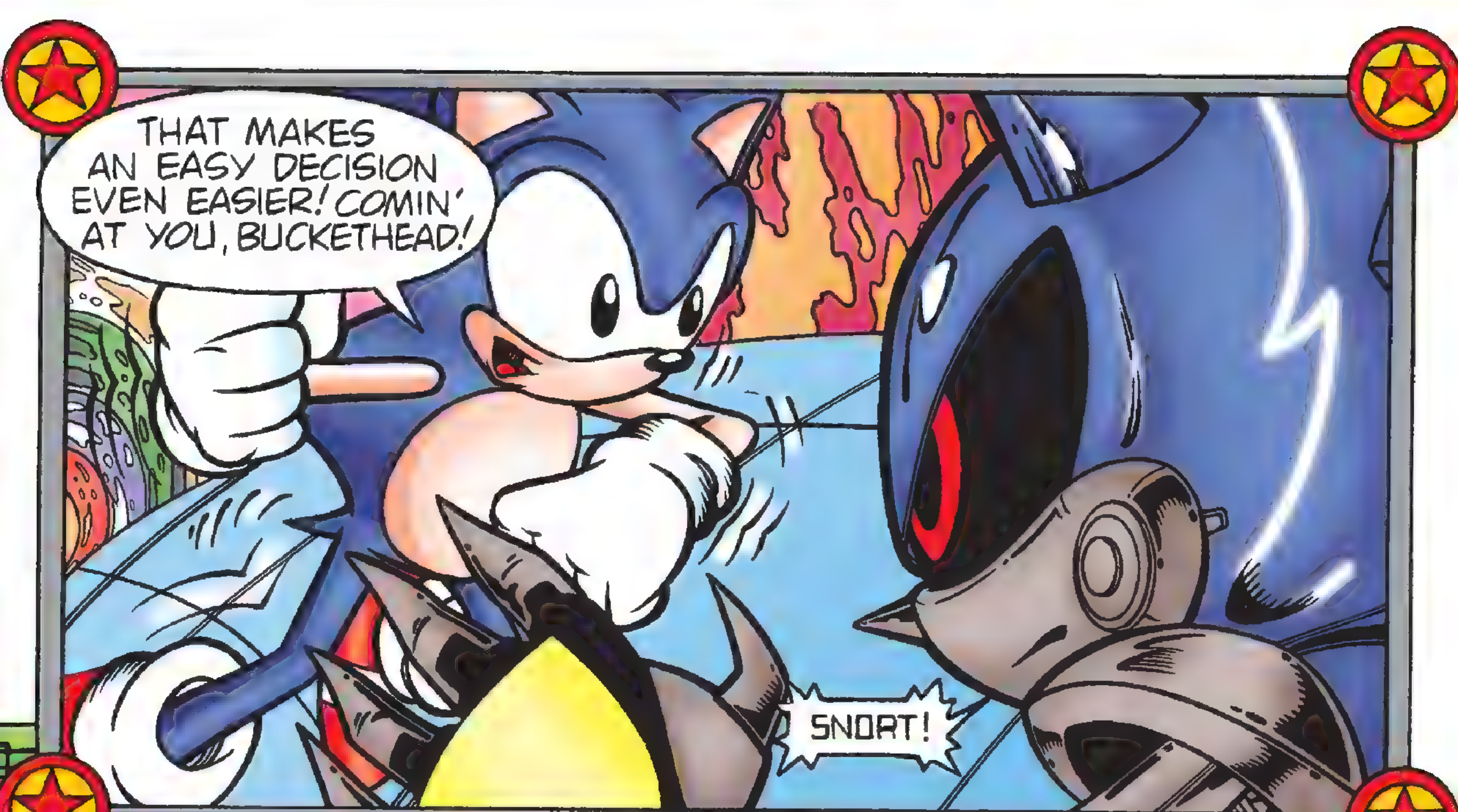
I WONDER IF IT  
WOULD BE FASTER TO  
DOUBLE BACK AND... *WHOOOP!*  
BAG THAT IDEA-- HERE  
COMES *JELLYBELLY!*

Mecha-Sonic is on the left, and a small vehicle containing Amy and Cream is on the right, moving away.

SONIC!

HELP!





THAT MAKES AN EASY DECISION EVEN EASIER! COMIN' AT YOU, BUCKETHEAD!

SNORT!



≡snicker≡ MECHA SONIC HAS ENGAGED THE HEDGEHOG!

OH BOOHOO HOOD ≡sob≡ WAHHHH!!!

WHAT'S WRONG, AMY ROSE?



≡sniffle≡ I WAS HOPING SOMEDAY SONIC WOULD GET ENGAGED TO ME!



BACK IN KNOTHOLE:

IT SEEMS THAT SONIC HAS ENTERED ANOTHER ZONE... ITS ENERGY FIELD IS INTERFERING WITH HIS SONICAM!

TRY AND GET A FIX ON HIS LAST LOCATION -- IT'S TIME FOR ACTION!



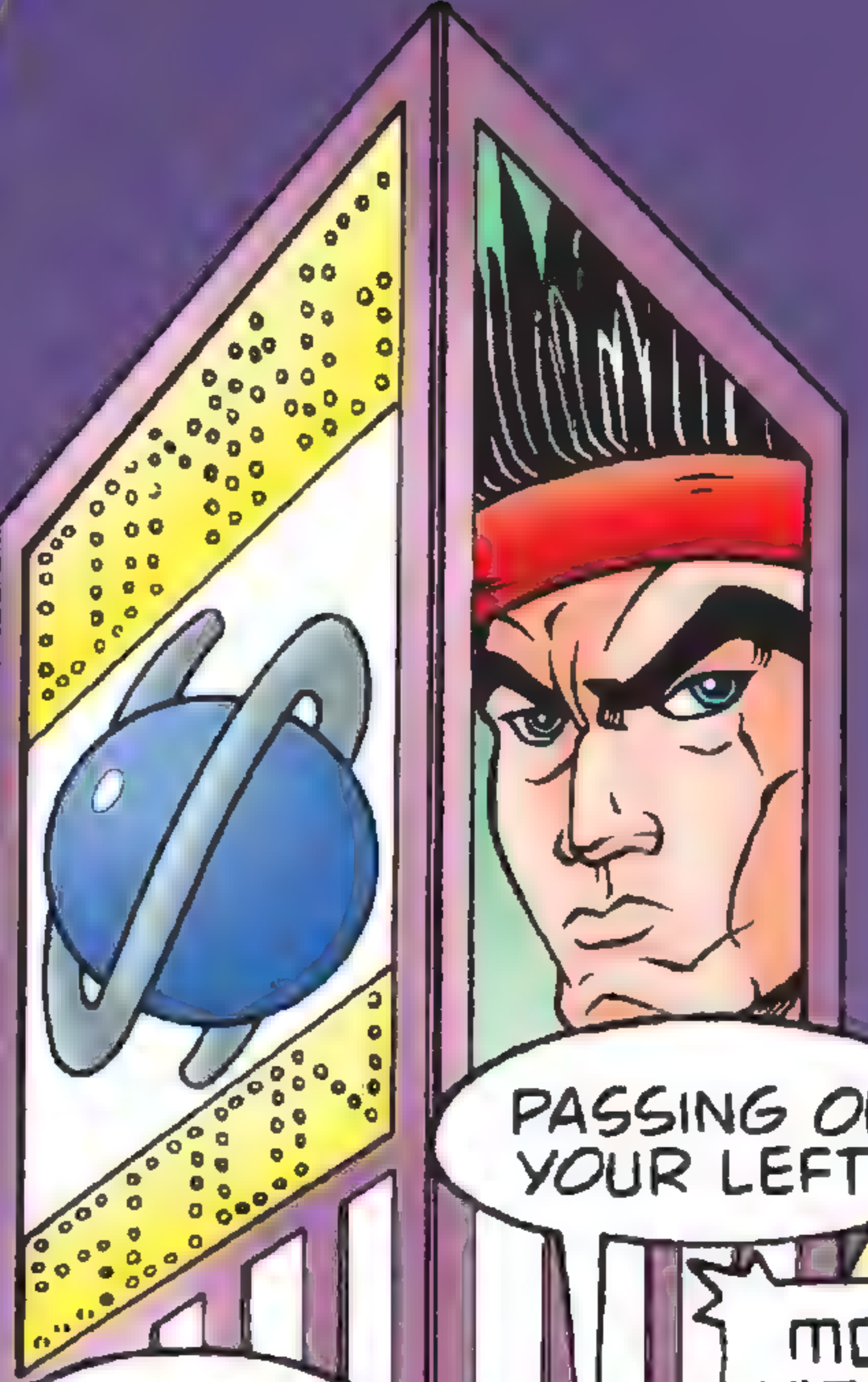
**AND IN THE STARDUST SPEEDWAY ZONE...**

HOPE YOU DON'T MIND IF I GET A JUMP ON YOU, METALHEAD!



**BWOING!**

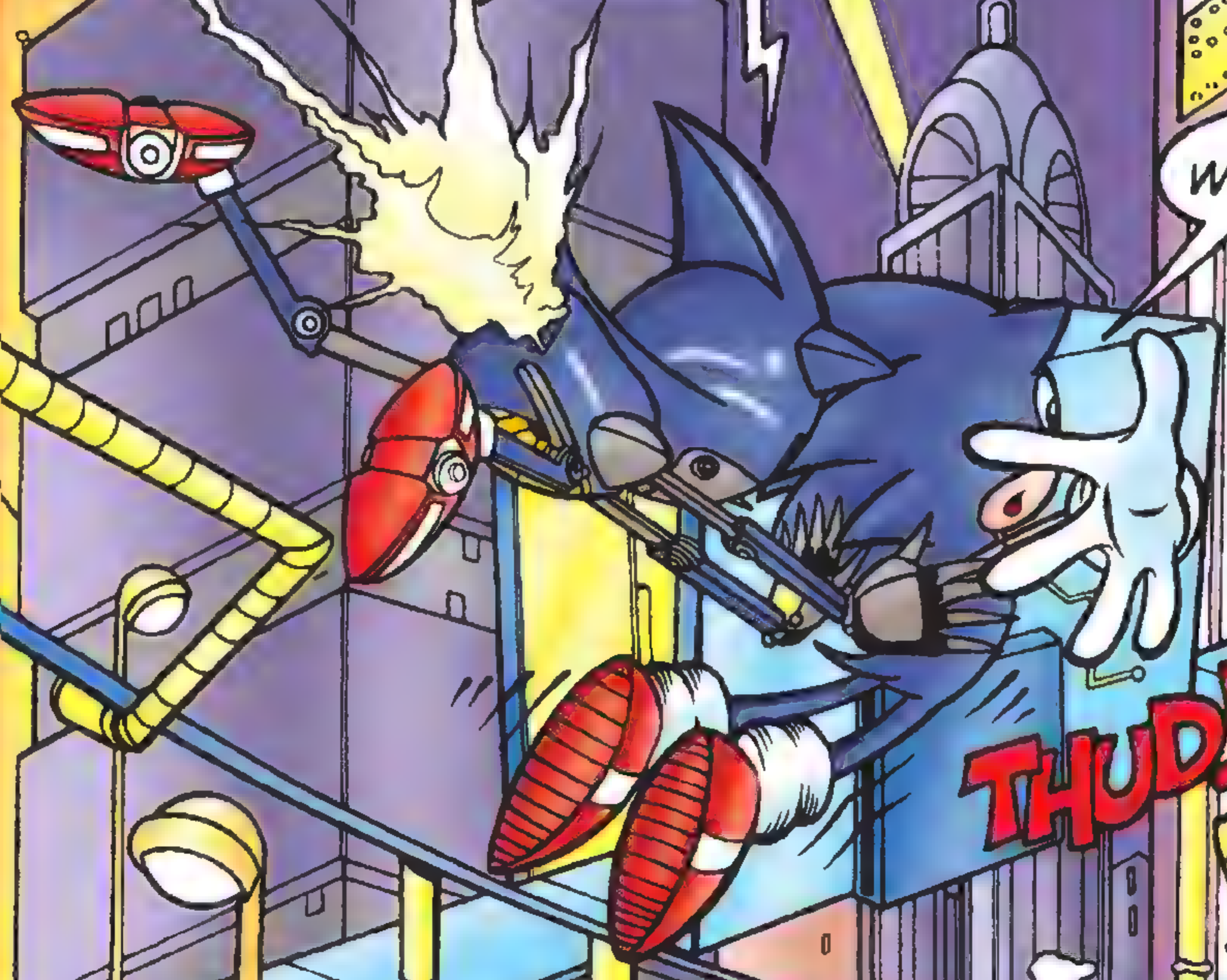
COMING UP BEHIND YOU!



PASSING ON YOUR LEFT!

MOVING VIOLATION!

WHOOOF!



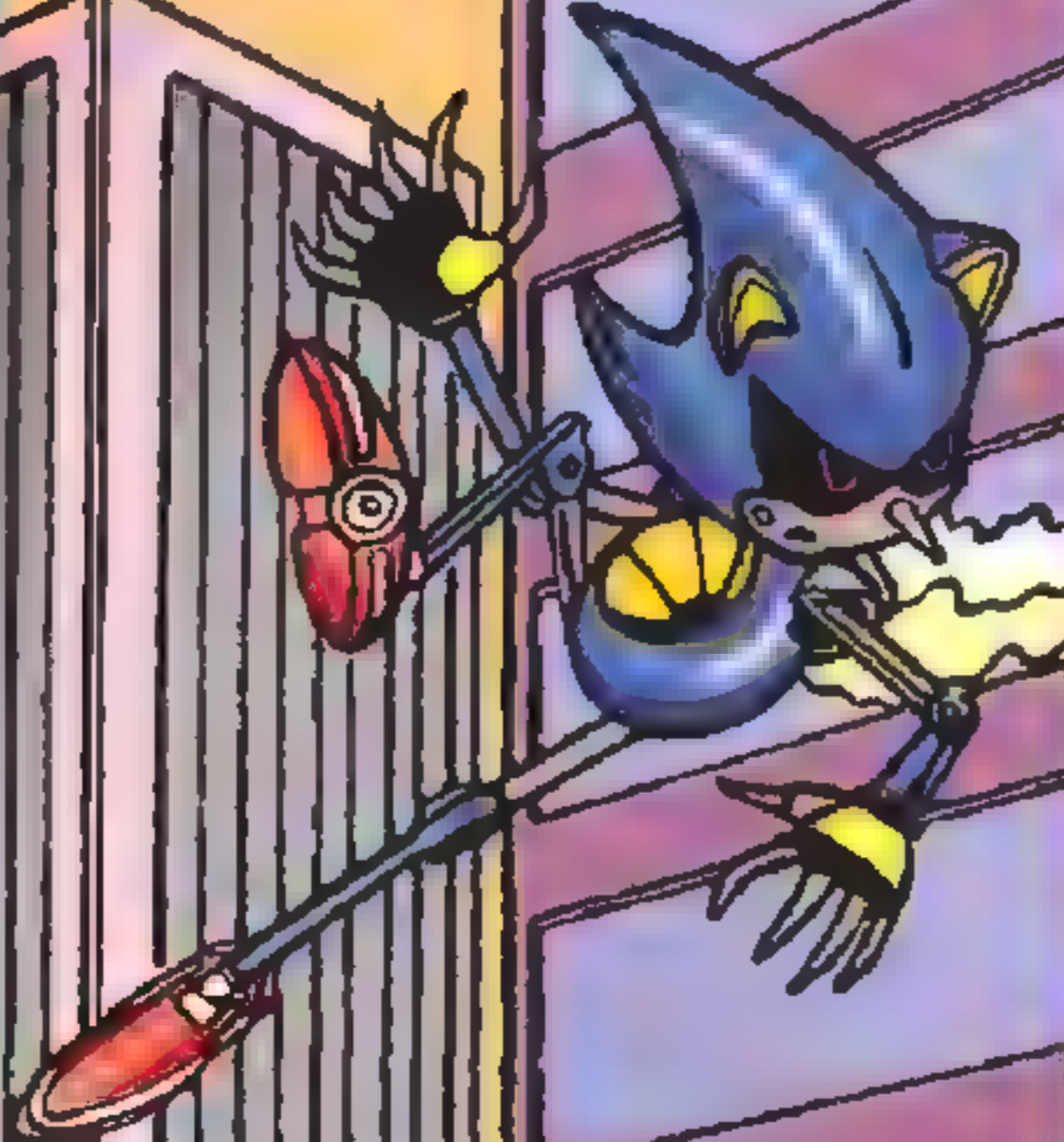
**THUD!**

SORRY...THIS IS A ONE-LANE EXIT RAMP...

**SCREEEEEE**

GET THE LEAD OUT, MECHA-MORON!

I CONTAIN NO LEAD...ONLY STEEL TITANIUM ALLOY...





AT THAT MOMENT, UP  
AHEAD AT THE FINISH LINE:

EVERYTHING IS IN  
PERFECT ORDER, OH  
KING CHOLESTEROL!  
SHOULD SONIC SURVIVE  
THE STARDUST ZONE...

I'LL HANDLE THE  
EXPLANATION AND  
SPEECH-MAKING, CRABMEAT!  
NOW CHECK THE LETTERING  
ON THE STRIPE!

WELL?

**THOOM!**

IT CERTAINLY DOES!

IT'S PERFECT!  
IT SPELLS:  
"FINISH"!

IT'S  $\pm$ CHORTLE $\pm$  SLICKER THAN  
OIL ON SALT WATER! SHOULD  
SONIC SURVIVE THE STARDUST  
ZONE, HE'LL RUN UNDER THIS  
FINAL ARCHWAY...

THAT WAY,  
EVEN IF SONIC  
WINS...

HE  
**LOSES!**

...AND BE  
SMUSHED!



# SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

GIVE IT UP! YOU MUST BE EXHAUSTED BY NOW!

"GO AHEAD...  
MECHA MY  
DAY!"

PART 4

NO WAY, SAN JOSE! NOTHING WILL SLOW ME DOWN!

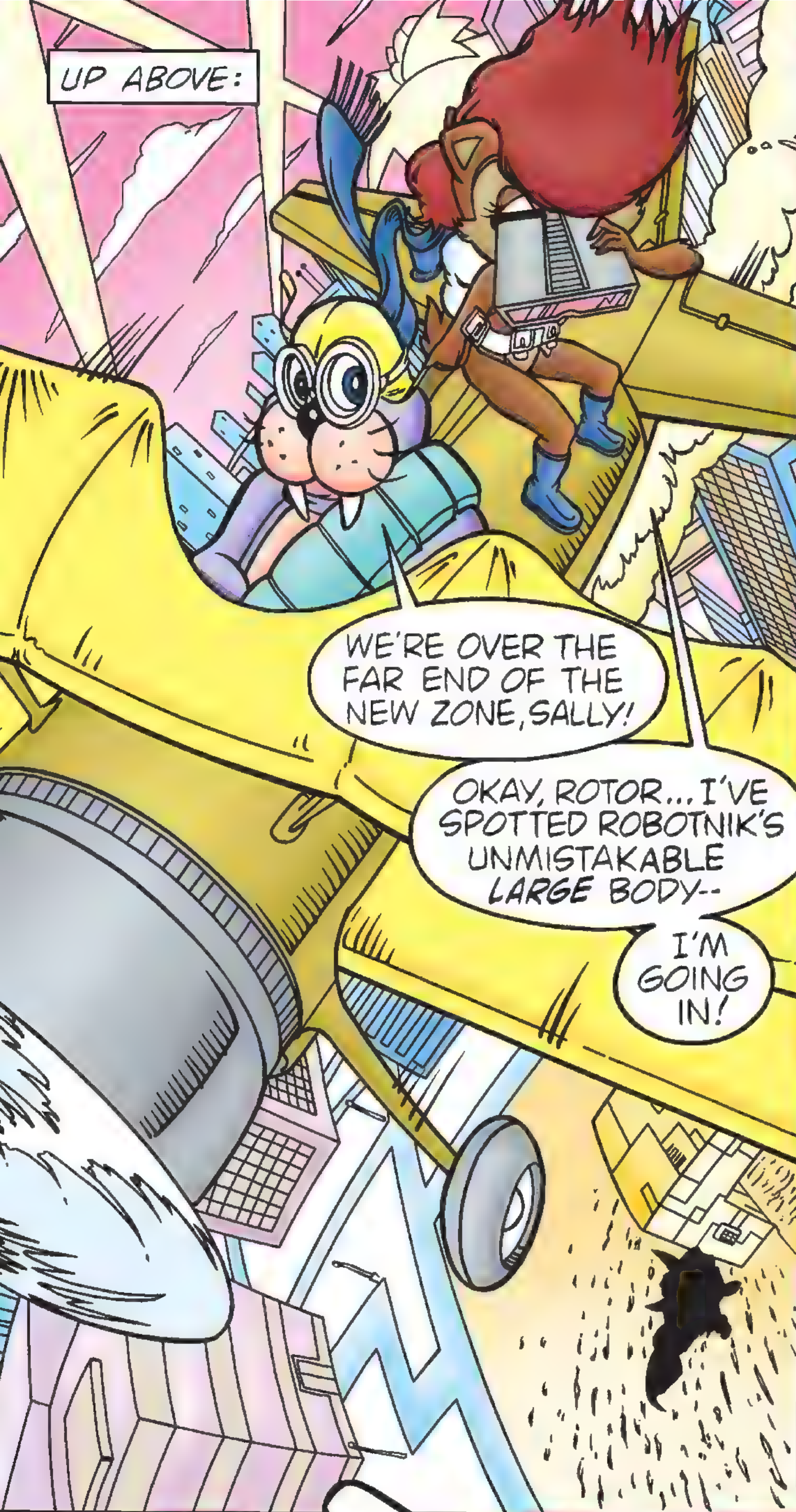
OH NO? WHAT IF THE MECHA-SONIC YOU WERE JUST TALKING TO WAS A HOLOGRAM-- AND THE REAL ME WAS WAITING TO AMBUSH YOU?!

UWF! THAT MIGHT DO IT!

TRIP!



UP ABOVE:



WE'RE OVER THE FAR END OF THE NEW ZONE, SALLY!

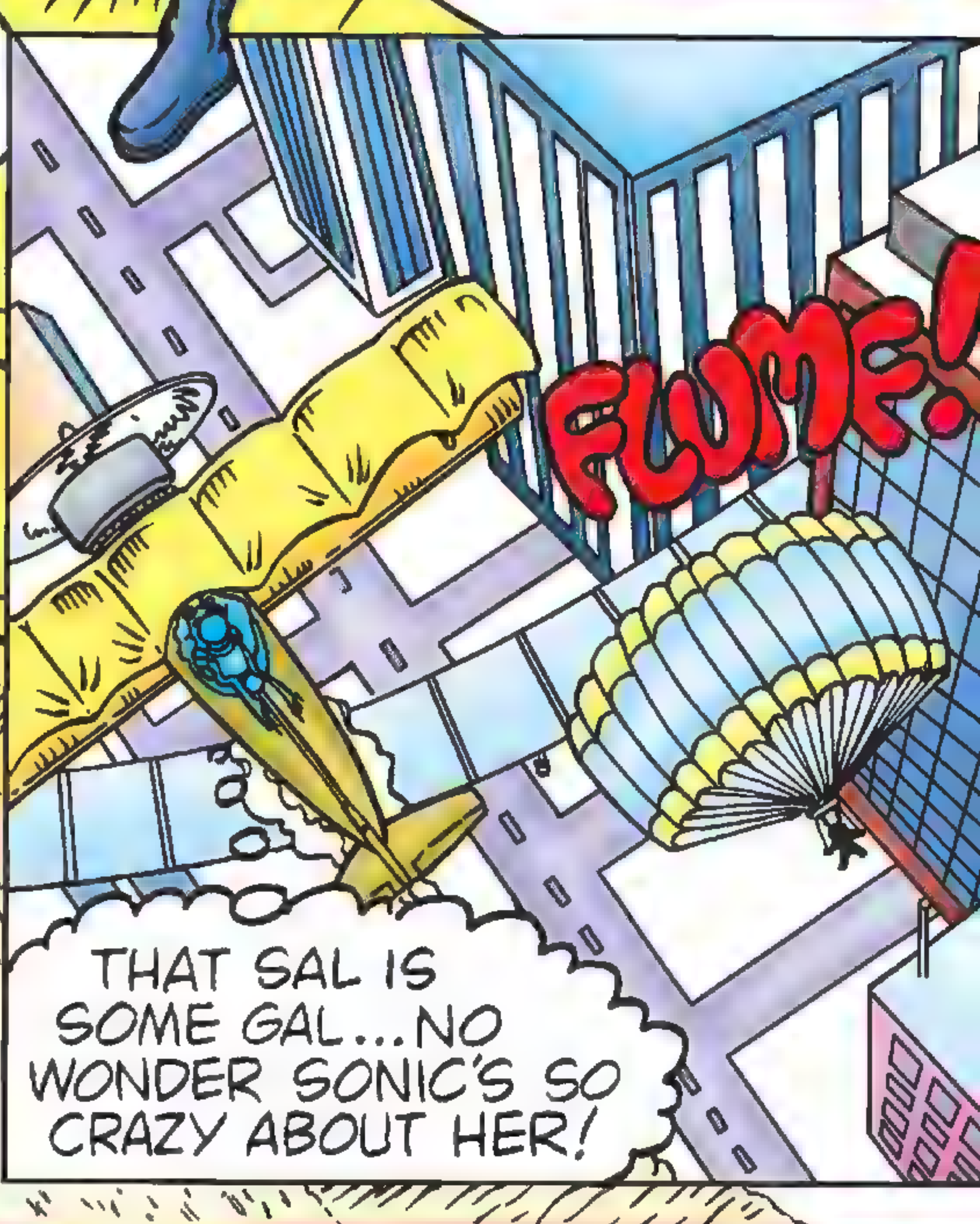
OKAY, ROTOR... I'VE SPOTTED ROBOTNIK'S UNMISTAKABLE LARGE BODY--

I'M GOING IN!



YOU'VE GOT YOUR ASSIGNMENT...

GOOD LUCK, PRINCESS!



THAT SAL IS SOME GAL... NO WONDER SONIC'S SO CRAZY ABOUT HER!



SPEAKING OF MY LITTLE BLUE BUDDY, I WONDER WHAT HE'S DOING NOW...



HERE COMES THE HOME STRETCH, HEDGEHOG-- HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES?

YOU BETCHA, CREEP! I'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS NEW MOVE FOR A WHILE...

THE FIGURE EIGHT SUPER PEEL-OUT!

ONCE I DO IT, I MOVE AT WARP SPEED!

I SHALL PURSUE!

SONIC'S CURRENT SPEED IS AT A LEVEL NEVER BEFORE ACHIEVED!  
=:BZZT=: MUST--EXERT-- BEYOND--  
=:SQUEE=: MAXIMUM!

MALFUNCTION! HEAT GENERATED BY SPEED AND FRICTION IS MELTING MY METAL LEGS!

WHEEEEEEE

IF YOU CAN'T TASTE THE CHILI DOGS, STAY OUT OF THE KITCHEN!

SSSSSCH

BOOM!



SURRENDER,  
SNIVELY!

OKAY,  
OKAY!

W  
H  
O  
O  
P!

UMF! OH NO!  
SONIC WENT THROUGH  
THE ARCH--I MISSED  
MY CHANCE!

GET AWAY  
FROM THAT BUTTON,  
ROBOTNIK!

MY  
HERO!

OUR  
HERO!

YES! THE  
CROWD GOES  
WILD!







BAH! IT'S NOT FAIR! MY PLAN WAS SO FOOLPROOF...  
≡WHINE≡

WHAT? THAT DEVICE HOUSED IN THE ARCH? I SAW IT COMING A MILE AWAY!

QUIT YOUR BELYACHING... I'LL STAND UNDER IT IF IT'LL MAKE YOU HAPPY...



Y-YOU WUH-WILL?...



OKAY, CHUBSY-UBSY... FIRE AWAY!

INDEED I SHALL...



MISSED ME! NYUK! NYUK!

**WHAM!**

NO! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!



GAME, SET AND MATCH!

BUT I PERSONALLY DESIGNED THIS DEVICE! WHAT WENT WRONG?





NO WAY!  
I CAN'T BELIEVE  
THIS!

AWW, TOO BAD,  
BETTER LUCK NEXT  
TIME, DOC!

**END**

**THANKS TO  
YOU WAY PAST  
COOL FANS,**

**SONIC  
UNIVERSE** <sup>TM</sup>

**HAS REACHED**

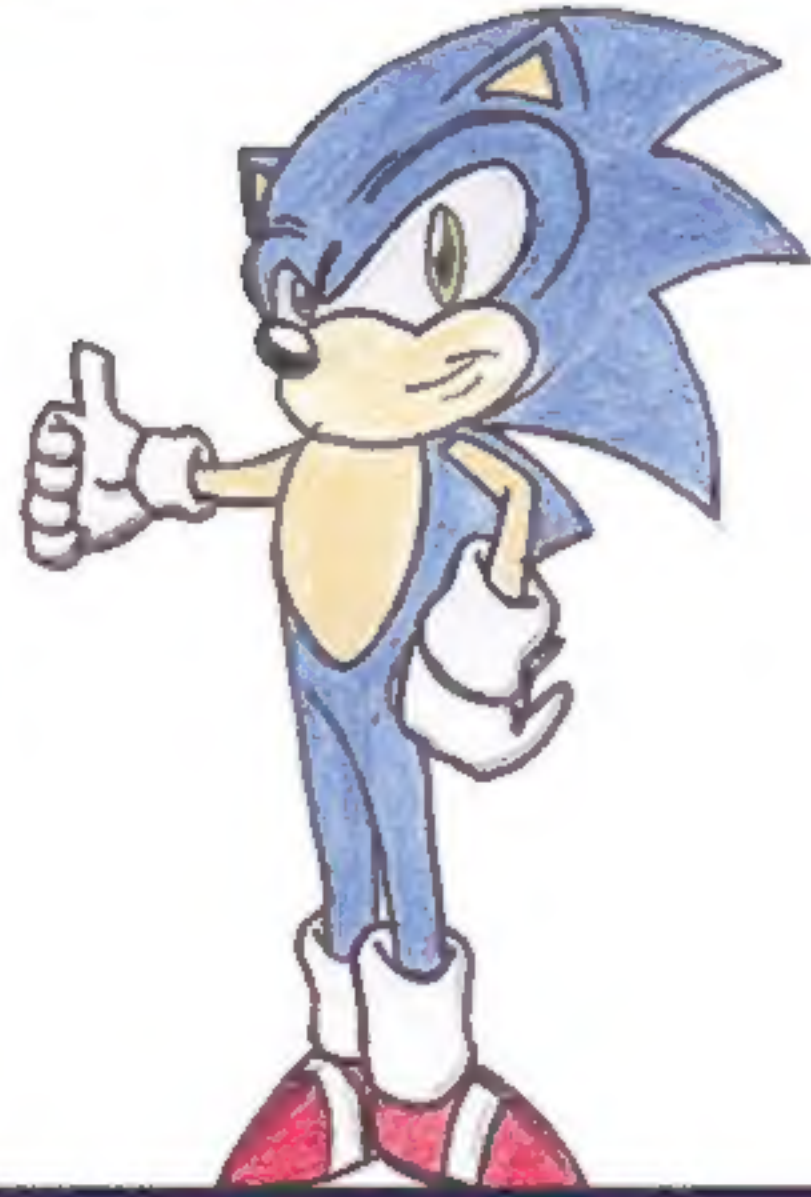
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ISSUES!**



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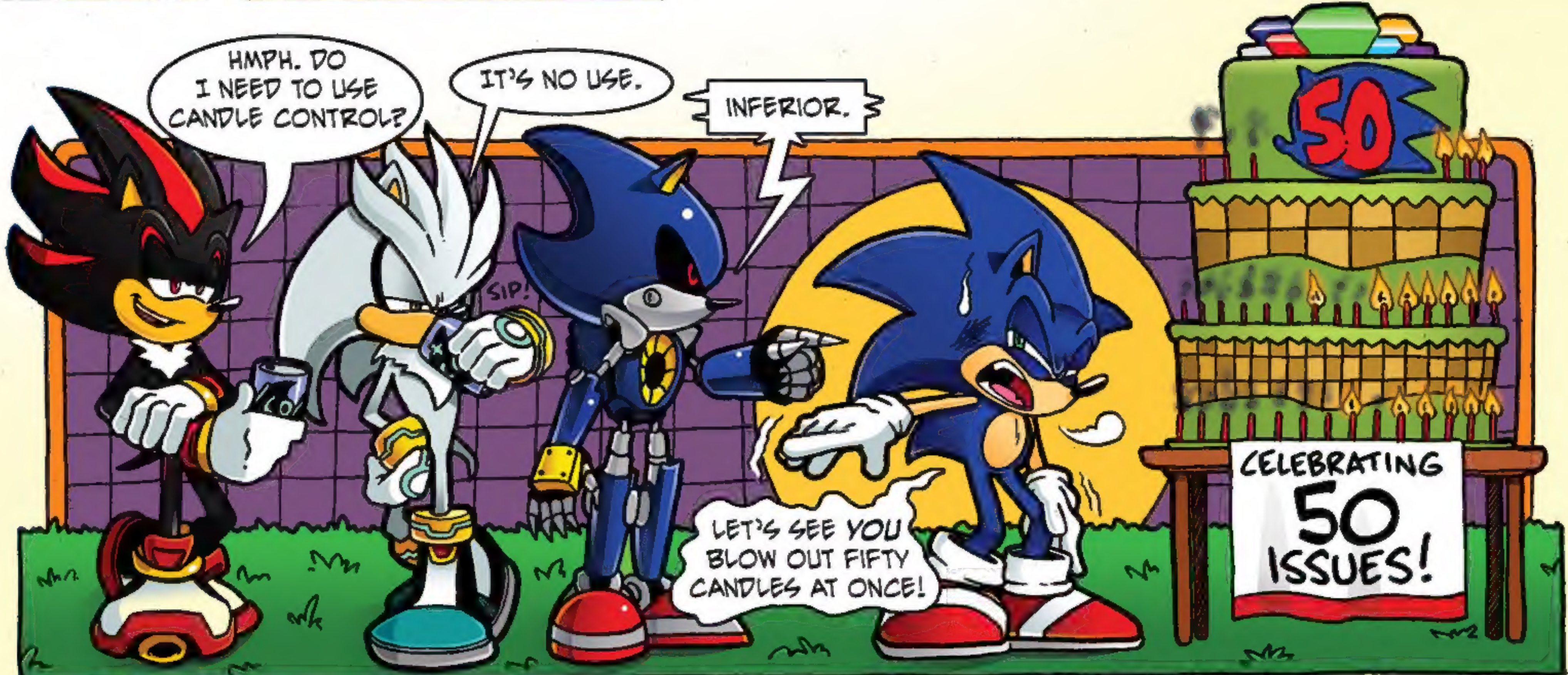
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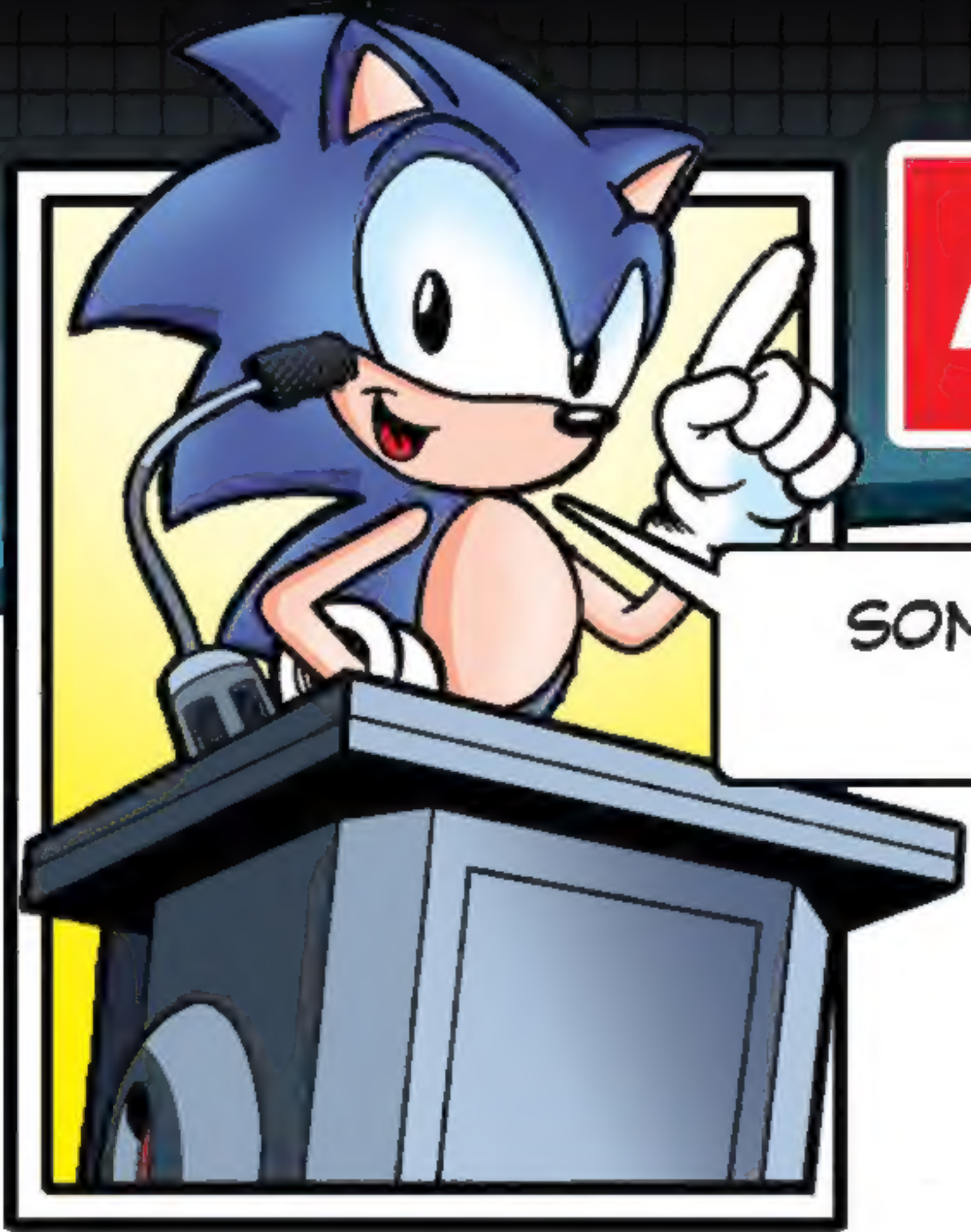
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So, fellow Sonic Heroes-Brigadiers, please place your right hand on this comic book and repeat after me:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly  
 [your name]  
 swear, to spread the word of the Sonic/  
 Mega Man™ crossover, until everyone in the  
 entire world knows of the awesomeness  
 that is "Worlds Collide," or until Dr. Eggman  
 and Dr. Wily take over the world with their  
 dastardly schemes and outlaw reading.



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